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WWN EXCLUSIVE

LEFTOVERS MAN'S FRIDGE

'I'm surprised the Lord didn't finish his final meal,' says bachelor

By JAKE ANDERSON

A BACHELOR living in Jerusalem has discovered what religious scholars claim are leftovers from The Last Supper — sitting in his refrigerator!

Samuel Cohen, an unemployed employment counselor, was cleaning out his fridge when he found leftovers from the historical repast.

"I saw this little brown paper bag, and on it was written the words 'The Last Supper.' I looked inside and there was some paschal lamb, unleavened bread, and a beaker of watery-looking wine," says Cohen.

"I often don't recognize things in my refrigerator, be-

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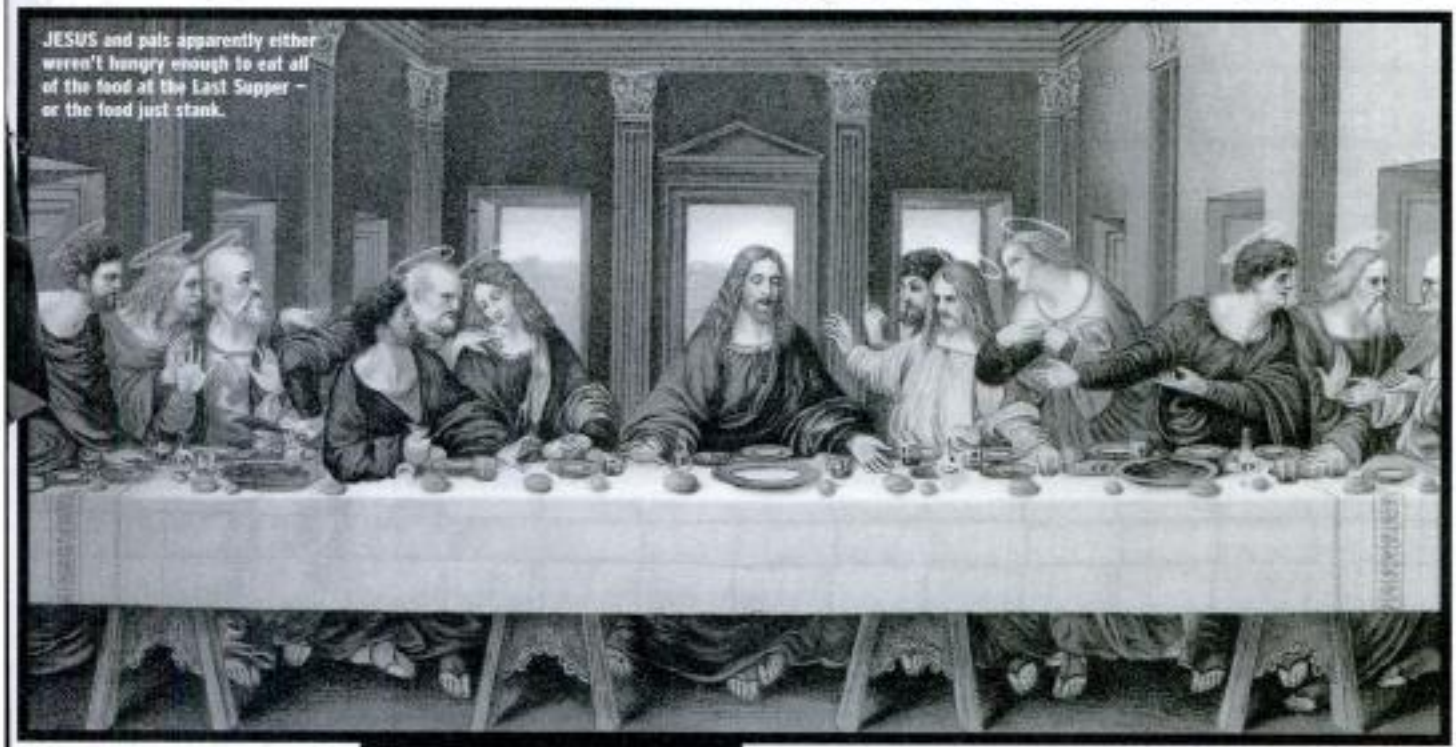

JESUS and pals apparently either weren't hungry enough to eat all of the food at the Last Supper – or the food just stank.

cause by the time I pull them out, they've changed color and developed hideous molds. But this was different!"

Cohen brought the bag to a nearby religious center, where experts determined that the bag really did contain leftovers from Jesus' final meal with his disciples.

For many years, experts didn't think the Last Supper yielded any leftovers.

"I'm surprised the Lord didn't finish his final meal," says Benjamin Sherwood, a noted food critic and religious scholar. "I mean, think about it. It's the LAST supper. Why would you stop eating in the middle and ask the waiter for a doggie bag? It's not like you're going to say, 'I think I'll take the rest home and have it for lunch tomorrow.'"

Adds Sherwood, "And many, if not all of the disciples, were

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Manna, the food which God gave the Jews when Moses was leading them through the desert, is believed to have tasted a lot like chicken.

Jewish. I'm Jewish, and if my family is typical, I can say with authority that it's almost unheard of for Jews to leave food over."

But Charles Delmar, another religious scholar, says the discovery of leftovers makes perfect sense.

"If you look at Leonardo da Vinci's painting of The Last Supper, there are many food items lying on the table. And da Vinci's scene is commonly believed to portray the moment that Jesus said to his disciples, 'Verily I say unto you, that one

JEWISH bachelor Samuel Cohen

bombshell like that, you're not going to say, 'Excuse me, could you pass the biscuits?' "

Adds Delmar, "In Matthew 26 it goes on to say 'And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, 'Lord is it I?' Believe me: If there are two things that can kill an appetite, it's being sorrowful, and being accused of being a traitor.' "

What's more, Delmar says, "Jesus announced, 'He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.' Any disciple with half a brain wouldn't place his hand anywhere NEAR the dishes after that, for fear of being labeled the betrayer of Jesus."

Cohen has no idea how The Last Supper got in his fridge. "It could be a miracle," he says. "Or maybe a friend of mine put it there for safekeeping, figuring the last place anyone would look for it, me included, was on the bottom

SADDAM HAS FALSE CHOPPERS!

THE FATHER of our country, George Washington, and butchering bad guy Saddam Hussein are as different as night and day, but the two have one thing in common – false teeth!

Every schoolchild knows that President Washington sported wooden teeth. And a new book on Saddam reveals that the Iraqi strongman's choppers are bogus too.

"Hussein has a full set of dentures, which he would sometimes remove in the middle of dull cabinet meetings to get an easy laugh, or to rattle a visiting dignitary," according to *Evil Genius: Inside the*

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS

SOUND OFF!

IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN MONEY TO RAISE BIGFOOT'S BABY

– Maybe she should get rid of it!

DEAR EDITOR, I hope that Danielle Cortell, the young lady who is going to have Bigfoot's baby (Sept. 13, 2004), makes sure that he has a good, fair upbringing.

I know she said she's rich and he'll be all kinds of pampered, but a baby needs much more than that. He needs to be accepted by his family and by his peers.

That kid is going to have a hell of a lot of problems growing up, and I hope she's up to the challenge. She's probably thinking having a kid is like getting a fancy new purse that you carry around and show off and then plunk in the closet when you get home. Babies aren't just trinkets, they need love — and this one's going to need it more than ever!

He's going to get made fun of like there's no tomorrow, so I really feel sorry for Baby Teddy. He's going to have a horrible life. Come to think of it, maybe she should just get rid of it and save herself the trouble. — Nannie Hutsell, Owings, Md.

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Dear Editor, I just wanted to let your readers know that underwire bras really do attract lightning like your paper said (Sept. 6, 2004). I never wear a bra, but I did the other day because I wanted a little extra cleavage to

make my ex-boyfriend jealous, and ended up getting struck by damn lightning. Coincidence? I think not . . . — Vickie Trypaluk, Twin Lakes, Wis.

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Dear Editor. I am actually really excited to hear that Dick Cheney and Teresa Heinz Kerry are going to have a 'curse-off' to see who can make each other cry first (Sept. 13, 2004). That debate is going to be way more exciting that those other normal boring ones where they just talk about the stupid issues.

I'm a college student and the things that are important to me are not the same things as everyone else. I feel like we need a good foul mouth up there in Washington because sometimes a little bad language goes a long way. I know it helps me get my point across and I sure think it could help to have someone who can curse in charge our nation. — T. Buckner, Boone, N.C.

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Letter of the Week

DEAR EDITOR, You're trying to tell me that a bunch of rednecks are going to spit all over California (Sept. 13, 2004) and they think that's going to save us from drought? Well, that's just disgusting. I hope they

Spitting is a gross habit and I don't think anyone should do it, let alone advertise it around the country and recruit more people to spit with you. If they come anywhere near my house, I'm going to

"I figured I'd

President Bush V.P. Dick

By MARK MILLER

VICE PRESIDENT Dick Cheney will be undergoing plastic surgery – and has instructed his surgeon to make him look exactly like hunky actor Brad Pitt!

According to a White House insider, "President Bush ordered Cheney to have the procedure done in order to compete with the handsome, youthful, all-American looks of Cheney's Democratic opponent, Senator John Edwards. Bush actually gave Cheney a choice between Pitt, Tom Cruise, and George Clooney.

"Cheney felt that Pitt would be a better fit with Bush's image, though Cheney said he sees himself as more the Tom Cruise-type personality."

In order to turn Cheney into a Brad Pitt lookalike, the aging, portly Vice President, according to plastic surgeon Dr. Kenneth Twombley, will need to undergo a face-lift and face-sculpturing; nasal, body, eyelid and ear sculpture; a tummy tuck; breast reduction; extensive, body-wide liposuction; a brow-lift; chemical peel; skin resurfacing; collagen injections; chin and cheek reshaping; dermabrasion; facial implants; hair

orders new look for second banana:

Cheney getting plastic surgery to look like Brad Pitt

...to compete with younger, Democratic opponent Senator John Edwards

tensive," explains Twombley.

Due to Cheney's well-documented health problems, including four heart attacks, Bush also made the decision to have all of Cheney's internal organs, including his heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, and spleen, replaced with those of a much younger man. In addition, Cheney will be working regularly with a voice coach to reproduce the tone and cadence of Pitt's speech.

Although Cheney will be the first U.S. vice president to undergo such a drastic transformational procedure, President Clinton's vice president, Al Gore, as a response to critics accusing him of being a boring stiff with no personality, explored having plastic surgery to look like actor-comedian Billy Crystal, but Crystal would not grant permission. Gore did, however, get permission from Jay Leno, but Gore's wife Tipper talked him out of it.

Cheney, reportedly, is extremely excited about becoming a new man.

According to the White House insider, "Cheney has not only already urged his wife to go for the Jennifer Aniston look, he's also dropped hints for President Bush to become Justin Timberlake, Laura Bush to become Paris Hilton, Condi Rice to become Halle Berry and the Bush twins to become Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen."

As Cheney was overheard telling President Bush, "We'll be the best-

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR

Wild Flower

GORGEOUSLY enticing Valerie MacWilliam, of British Columbia, Canada, is definitely the most striking blossom in this field of flowers. It's no wonder we picked her! This bikini babe says when she's not frolicking in the meadows, she enjoys fishing, any outdoor sports and activities, weightlifting and acting. Valerie, honey, you don't have to put on any kind of

SECRET AMA REPORT FOUND IN FAT GALS'

WEEKLY WORLD EXCLUSIVE NEWS

By BRIN STARK

WHAT do a curling iron, three half-eaten fruit cakes, 11 tennis balls, 27 police badges, 47 sets of car keys, 63 dead hamsters and a pair of mummified canaries have in common?

According to the American Medical Association, doctors have found and extracted each and every one of these items from the belly buttons and "fleshy folds" of fat women in the past eight months alone.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg of lost and misplaced odds and ends that have been recovered in hospital emergency rooms after women of size arrived complaining of nagging aches and pains that they couldn't link back to something they had eaten or explain in any other way.

Also included in the AMA list is a miniature popcorn popper, a man's artificial hand, missing passports, fur-covered handcuffs, regulation handcuffs, digital cameras, ice cream scoops, canned peas, dentures, computer mice, a Halloween mask, a bundle of hacksaw blades, sex gadgets, 2,223 pounds of table scraps, including sharp and potentially dangerous steak, pork-chop and chicken bones — and a mind-twisting $67,987.23 in loose change.

"It's an astonishing collection that gives us a clear and unvarnished perspective on the epidemic of obesity we are struggling with in this country," says an AMA spokesman who requested anonymity fearing what she termed "a backlash from fat-pride groups" and "my own grossly overweight boss."

"You don't lose a bundle of hacksaw blades or $6.75 in change in your belly button if you weigh 200 or even 300 pounds.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

America's 135 million fatties are walking around with enough bacon on their bones to feed America's 135 million trim folks for almost two years, a new National Institutes of Health study reveals.

TERESA HEINZ — KETCHUP QUEEN

IF John Kerry wins the presidential election in November, his heiress wife Teresa Heinz will order her new American subjects to address her as "Queen Teresa," says an insider.

"Teresa doesn't want to be associated with the other First Ladies because she truly believes she's better than them," reveals a source in the Kerry campaign.

"She says, 'I have $550 million. I speak five languages. I own my own private jet. I deserve the Nobel Medal for Humanitarianism because I'm such a generous person who helps the rabble.'"

Heinz Kerry – a Portuguese woman who was born and bred in Mozambique, Africa – told the insider she thinks it's hilarious U.S. citizens will call her "Queen" when she wasn't even brought up in this country and didn't even bother to live here until the U.N. hired her as a translator. That's where she met previous husband Senator John Heinz.

"Teresa told me, 'America has

REVEALS WHAT DOC ROLLS OF FLAB

The women tracked in our study were much bigger — in the range of 350 pounds and up."

The AMA compiled the statistics and issued its report after a major insurance provider fired off a scathing letter to a congressional subcommittee complaining that "America's fat people are now, officially, out of control," and further warning, "We cannot afford to keep paying doctors $200 an hour to extricate shrimp forks and pie tins from the navels of the obese."

The AMA's statistics focus on fat women because they outnumber men in emergency room visits involving "navel probes," as the procedures are called for insurance purposes, six to one, the AMA source explains.

"It's purely a matter of physique," she continues. "Women have wider hips and pelvic areas to provide for childbirth, and that results in bigger and wider navels after they gain excessive weight.

"I've seen photographs of women with belly buttons as wide and gaping as an overnight bag. It's pretty scary."

It seems unlikely that insurance companies will stop paying for navel probes anytime soon, but the letter to Congress "should be considered the first shot in a war we will win," says an industry insider.

SUMMER & WINTER OLYMPICS TO SWITCH SEASONS

By BRETT ANNISTON

IN A BID to make the Olympic games more challenging, officials have reportedly voted to hold the 2008 summer events in the winter and the winter events in summer.

"Running the 100 meter dash would be far more difficult in two feet of snow," explains British sports writer Jason Logun, who learned of the plan from sources on International Olympic Committee.

"And just imagine trying to ski in 90-degree summer temperatures."

The mind-blowing decision, to be often these days. Many sports fans say that Olympic events now look too easy.

Olympic officials promised to make events tougher for athletes who've been turned into virtual supermen by state-of-the-art training equipment.

"One proposal was to handicap athletes with backpacks weighing up to 45 pounds," Logun reveals. "But in the end it was agreed that switching seasons is the simplest way to go."

Some athletes are likely to oppose the topsy-turvy scheduling scheme. But others might not even be aware of the change.

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HUBBLE TELESCOPE CATCHES SPACE ALIEN WITH PANTS DOWN

By NIGEL FLEMING

FINALLY, there's proof that we're not alone in the universe. The Hubble Space Telescope has beamed a photo back to Earth that exposes an alien changing his pants on Venus.

The spaceman has gray skin, bulging yellow eyes and a large, bulbous head. He appears to be putting on a pair of gray slacks, but the image isn't clear enough to tell if they're pleated or flat front.

"The extraterrestrial is getting into his trousers one leg at a time, just like a human, and he looks a little nervous, you know, just like me when I get caught with my pants down," one high-ranking NASA official said on the condition of anonymity. "Besides the gray slacks, he's wearing a light colored linen shirt, which goes well with the Venusian atmosphere."

This might all sound far-fetched, but not if you read Raoul T. Latrine's controversial bestseller *Even Spacemen Wear Pants*. He claims that many of the planets in our solar system are inhabited by vain, pants-loving aliens, who would never buy a pair off the rack — only custom tailoring for them.

"The Hubble photos prove my theory," Latrine told reporters in front of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Md. "Aliens have style. The pants in the picture are of Armani quality. After all, aliens want to look cool when they fly to other planets for a family barbecue or a full-scale invasion."

This brings up a problem in logic — the mean surface temperature on Venus is about 894 degrees. Surely no living creature could look "cool" there or even survive under those conditions, unless you listen to Latrine's illogical reasoning.

"Aliens have technology on their side baby," he says. "You can tell by the Hubble picture that the alien isn't bothered by a little heat. Maybe his pants are air-conditioned."

Astronomer and car detailer Harlan Lardd claims that aliens have been changing their pants on Venus for thousands of years. "It's in the Bible," he says, "in the Garden of Eden section of the Old Testament. If you read between the lines, Adam tells Eve, 'I will put on pants as soon as they arrive from Venus.' Well, those aren't the exact words, but they're close enough."

Skeptics claim that the weight of Venus' atmosphere would crush any living creature, and it would surely take the crease out of a pair of slacks.

Latrine scoffs at this. "Picky, picky, so there's a little pressure on Venus. Big deal. Try living with my mother-in-law. Now that's pressure."

Scientists are eagerly awaiting additional Hubble photos to determine if there are more aliens changing their pants — or perhaps their socks — on Venus. And some conspiracy theorists are claiming that the government is withholding other controversial Hubble photos that reveal aliens changing their pants on Mars, Jupiter and Uranus.

As Latrine puts it, "This is all so exciting. If those photos do exist, we're one step closer to proving that pants do exist on other planets. Oh, yeah . . . and aliens, too."

EAT MY SHORTS. This Hubble photo answers the question haunting NASA for years: Aliens wear boxers; not briefs.

Are you ready for Judgment Day? Top Bible scholar provides you with . . .

GOOD EXCUSES FOR EVERY SIN

By MICHAEL CHIRON

JUDGEMENT DAY is right around the corner, preachers warn — and unless you've been leading a squeaky clean life, that could mean you'll soon be cast into Hell with billons of other doomed sinners!

But don't panic. A maverick Bible scholar has written a new book offering terrific excuses for every conceivable sin. "As I see it, my job is to keep as many souls out of the clutches of Satan as possible," explains the Reverend Alvin Kemmington, author of the upcoming *1,001 Excuses for Sin*.

"My colleagues still think we should be trying to persuade people to change their wicked ways — but there isn't enough time left for that."

According to Holy Scripture, at the end of time, all humans will be marched before God for final judgement.

"You'd better be prepared to do some fast talking," declares Rev. Kemmington, of Butte, Mont.

Here are some heinous sins and how to worm your way out of them:

ADULTERY WITH NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR: "It's a good idea to be buried with a sexy photograph of your lover," the expert advises. "If you show our Lord a pair of enormous jugs spilling out of a tube top, he might agree with you that the temptation was irresistible."

INCEST WITH YOUR HALF-SISTER: Point out that in Genesis, the patriarch Lot has a three-way romp with his daughters — and the Bible never says what he did was wrong. Tell God, "I bet HE'S up in Heaven somewhere.' "

TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN: If you've uttered "God damn it" thousands of times, you might think your goose is cooked.

But the Bible scholar observes, " 'God' is not a name. The closest the Old Testament comes to stating the name of the Hebrews' god is YHWH — pronounced Yaweh. So, technically, 'God damn it' isn't breaking the 7th Commandment."

WORSHIPING PAGAN GODS: If you're high priest of a cult that worships Thor, don't count on a friendly smile from the Almighty when you meet.

But remind the Lord the 3rd Commandment states "Thou shalt have no other gods BEFORE me." It doesn't say not to worship other gods at all.

MAFIA SLAYING: Although the Bible says "Thou shalt not kill," an exception is made for war. "The best excuse for murder is that you and victim had 'declared war,' " Rev. Kemmington advises. "If you were gainfully employed as a member of an organized crime family caught up in a Mob war, this is an especially convincing argument."

ARE YOU KIDDING?

A religious sect known as Affleckians believe that the biblical Armageddon actually came in 1998 – with the release of the Bruce Willis movie of the same name.

The Continuing Adventures of BAT BOY!

by Peter Bagge '04

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Jacko: He'll grow darker.

By CONSUELA MENDEZ

NOSTRAQUACKUS the Duck is a one-in-a-billion bird. The little guy from El Paso, Texas, not only speaks what one linguist calls "decent Spanish," he accurately predicts the future — unleashing corkers like these in return for bread crumbs, chicken tenders or anything that even looks like a taco:

Jacques Chirac: Gay in Paree.

• The existence of space aliens is confirmed when ambassadors from a distant civilization land a UFO on the White House lawn and demand of President George W. Bush, "Take us to your leader." After a three-day summit with Dick Cheney, they agree to trade gold for seawater, which they bottle and sell for a fortune to "rich idiots" back home!

• Pop wacko Michael Jackson is spotted with a friend his own age on two shocking occasions, once in the year 2010, and again in the year 2060. Not only that, his pasty-white skin turns dark again in fulfillment of Jackson's own oft-stated prophecy, "No I didn't lighten my skin. People change, you know."

• Rock icon Mick Jagger gives up touring when during an especially spirited per-

The ghost of Elvis: Comes back to Earth – but no one remembers him.

Talk About Govt. Waste!

Dubya's paper costs $5,000 a roll

By SALLY BOYD

ACCORDING to a new study published by Pottywatch, an independent group who monitors the government's bathroom-related expenditures, President Bush's toilet paper is made of the finest Japanese silk and costs $5,000 a roll!

"Unfortunately, this kind of reckless spending is nothing new," says Pottywatch's esteemed founder, Elizabeth Nutt.

"Last year, Pottywatch learned that the toilet in Dick Cheney's 'undisclosed location' is gold-plated and studded with diamonds. It cost taxpayers around $957,000. We also discovered that in a typical month, Senator Joe ... loading up on fancy soaps, lotion, bubble bath, shampoo and beauty cream."

Despite Pottywatch's revelations about the President, Republican leaders make no apologies. "If Mr. Bush is using silk toilet paper, I'm sure it's for the good of the nation. Maybe he has hemorrhoids, and this is the only kind of toilet paper his bottom can tolerate.

"As a hemorrhoid sufferer myself, I know how distracting it can be. Believe me, the President needs a problem-free posterior in order to think clearly and make the right decisions."

But top Democrats see the issue differently. Scotts one Kerry aide: "This is

QUACKUS!!

Talking duck predicts the future

formance of "Jumpin' Jack Flash" his false teeth fly into the audience, ripping the ear off one elderly fan and killing another!

● A world court rules that locking terror suspects in porta-potties on construction sites does not violate the Geneva Conventions as long as the units are stocked with plenty of toilet paper, a plunger and a couple of magazines, at least one of them "a girlie!"

● French President Jacques Chirac slips and falls in his shower, crushing the rib cage of his gay lover and suffering a painful bruise on his bottom.

● The ghosts of dead Beatle John Lennon and Elvis Presley return to Earth to help ordinary people but their ability to do good deeds is hampered by the fact that hardly anybody remembers who they are!

● Cancer victims and their families aren't amused when big drug companies are forced to admit they've had medicine to cure the dreaded disease since the 1950s but can't make enough money on the derivative of morning glory seeds to make it worth their while to produce it.

● The consumption of duck a l'orange, roast duck and Chinese duck sauce is linked to the onset of Alzheimer's disease, impotence, diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Chicken and beef are O.K., though, exciting new research will prove.

"Nostraquackus knows all, tells all," says Maria Ramirez-Gonzalez, a palmist, astrologer and notary public who claims to have turned down offers of up to $50,000 for the duck that hatched from "a strange purple egg with a Virgin Mary decal on it" last Easter.

"I'd rather have the duck than a bunch of money I wouldn't know what to do with anyway.

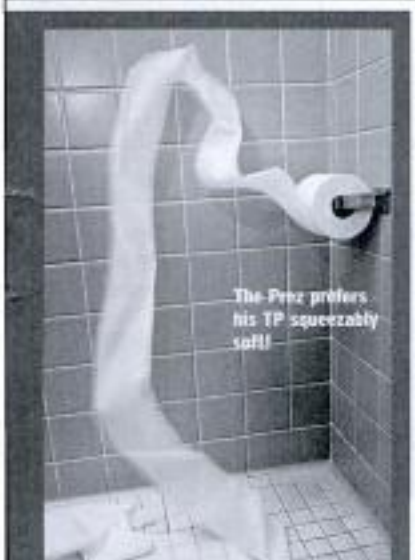
"He predicts the future, it's true, but even more than that, he's good company. Many a night we've sat in a shack just talking about things and watching the radio. Sometimes we turn on the TV."

Mainstream zoologists admit to being stumped by the duck's ability to speak and foresee future events. But paranormal researchers are convinced the creature is the reincarnation of a psychic, perhaps even his namesake, Nostradamus — the 16th century French seer whose mysterious quatrains continue to confuse, confound, baffle and infuriate experts to this day.

PORTA-POTTIES will no longer be considered tools of torture.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

NOSTRADAMUS predicted that a talking, psychic duck would appear on Earth in a quatrain the famed seer penned in 1559. Unfortunately, it contains several choice expletives that rhyme with "duck" and is unsuitable for print in a family newspaper.



The Prez prefers his TP squeezably soft!

COMPANY TURNS OILY TEENAGE SKIN INTO GASOLINE

By MARK MILLER

A MAJOR oil company is developing automobile gasoline derived from the oil of teenage skin!

The company, which chooses to remain anonymous at this time, has been working on the project for three months. "With the amount of facial oil generated by American teenagers, we could be free of our dependence upon foreign oil," company spokesperson Melvin Sherer.

The company, based outside Houston, Texas, has hired 1,200 teenagers to work part-time during the school year and full-time on weekends. In the Special Project Facility, the teens have high-tech Facial Drainage Ports attached to their skin at various predetermined oil gland centers.

Teens working at fast-food joints are expected to be the biggest oil producers.

mixed with hydrocarbon compounds, including aromatics, olefins, oxygenates and benzene to create auto gas.

"It's a sweet job," enthuses Star Frohman, 17. "They greasy hamburgers and fries we want, and have the biggest widescreen TV I've ever seen."

The teen skin-derived gasoline will be marketed late next

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AMERICA'S SEXIEST PSYCHICS

SIZZLING SERENA

Why do tornados blow away every dang trailer but mine?

Dear Serena: **A tornado ripped through our trailer park recently and every mobile home but mine was destroyed. This isn't the first time that's happened either.**

Back in 1999, I was living in a different trailer park and a tornado leveled the place with one exception — my single-wide was still standing. People are starting to talk. They say I'm a witch, but to my knowledge, I'm not.

There must be a rational explanation. Can you help? — Tornado Lady in Homestead, Fla.

Dear Tornado Lady: While meditating on your situation I sensed an unusually powerful aura surrounding you — the same aura that repelled the tornadoes and left your mobile homes standing. I strongly advise you to learn more about the energies that emanate from the body and mind and learn how to use yours to good advantage. Had you been aware of them in the past, you could have saved both trailer parks — and the homes of all your friends.

How can I help Gramps find his specs?

Dear Sonya: **My grandfather lost his wallet, his medicine, his car keys and his glasses, and he can't find them anywhere.**

I'd be happy to help him look for them, but I live 2,000 miles away. I'm his only living relative, so I feel like it's my responsibility to find all his stuff for him. Unfortunately, I can't afford a plane ticket. Can YOU help? — Granddaughter in Bakersfield, Vt.

Dear Granddaughter: Your grandfather is lying through his dentures, dear — he hasn't lost anything at all. He's just lonely and wants to hear your voice and give you a hug. So to help matters along, I'm going to buy a scratch-off lottery ticket when I drop by the grocery store this afternoon, win $1,450, and send the money to you.

That will pay for your round-trip airline ticket, car rental and all the miscellaneous expenses you'll encounter during your visit next month. Have fun!

Where oh where has my iguana gone?

Dear Sonya: **My pet iguana ran away from home and I'm worried sick that he'll starve to death or get hit by a car.**

Or maybe he'll get in the car with a stranger because he is very trusting and he loves to "go wide wide," which is what I used to say to him when we were getting ready to drive to the pet shop or a friend's house in my truck.

Where is Iggy, Sonya? And tell me if I'll ever see him again. I really do miss him. He was my best friend. — Lizard Girl in Athens, Ga.

Dear Lizard Girl: Iggy is happy and healthy and having the time of his life, dudette.

Unfortunately, all these good things aren't happening for him on Earth.

He went to lizard heaven when your next-door neighbor mistook him for a snake and chopped his little head off with a garden hoe. So now he's sunbathing in the garden of Eden.

PERSONAL TO:

Angry and Hurt in Cramerton, N.C.: Your wife didn't give you genital herpes, you got it from Bambi – the lap-dancer who jumped out of the cake at your bachelor party.

Hearing Things in Silver City, Idaho: Your husband is wrong – ghosts DO talk. And this one is a killer. Fortunately, I have powerful friends on the other side. Suffice it to say this is one spook that won't bother you any more.

Feeling Weird in Cleveland, Ohio: You have multiple personalities – one of which is slowly poisoning you with arsenic. I want you to see a psychiatrist right away. He can help you banish this imaginary fiend from your psyche before it kills you!

Confused in Reno, Nev.: You didn't win the lottery because I had a dyslexic moment and told you to play the numbers 12, 22, 32, your age and your birth date, when I meant to tell you to play 21, 22 and 23 along with your age and birth date. Play them at will, my friend – they're STILL winners!

Let Serena and Sonya help you! Write: Sabaks, *Weekly World News*, P.O. Box 3036, Boca Raton, Fla. 33431-0936. We'll forward your letters to them. Don't send money. Their advice is free. Please note: Due to the huge volume of mail Sonya and Serena receive, they cannot respond personally to letters or e-mails. Thanks for your understanding.

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Now turn to Page 36 to see your fate

Learn what the future holds for you in matters of health, money and love with famed *Weekly World News* psychic Serena Sabak's magic tarot cards. Here's how:

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2. Open your eyes and pick one card.

Says Serena: "Your reading will give

DECENCY ADVOCATES FIGHT TO BAN WORD 'MASTICATE'

By MICHAEL FORSYTH

LOOK up the word "masticate" in your dictionary and you'll find the definition "to chew." But not for long, if family-values activists have their way.

A Richmond, Va.-based group is fighting to have the word removed from all dictionaries and banned from use in classrooms and on TV, because it sounds too much like another, sexually oriented word.

"Let's avoid the confusion," argues Dale Slocumb, 45, a spokesperson for People For American Decency.

"If you want to say 'chew,' say 'chew.' There's no need to come out with some $300 word that can be easily misunderstood and make a lot of good, ordinary folks blush.

"We also have some issues with a few other words, like 'pianist,' 'organism,' and 'sects,' but we think it's best to take this whole process one step at a time."

If the rules proposed by decency advocates go through, TV stations that air audio of an actor or newscaster using the too-close-for-comfort word could face a stiff FCC fine.

NEWS 'TOON

"Something's wrong. You lose sleep

Send us a sexy snapshot. You too can be a...

WWN Hometown HOTTIE

WOW! *Weekly World News* editors spent hours of our lives poring over steamy snapshots sent in by America's sexiest women. Looking at hot chicks is a tough job, but one we're always up for.

So here's this week's pick . . . the most gorgeous gal-next-door to send us a home snapshot so all you Peeping Toms out there can see her up close in the privacy of her own bedroom.

THIS WEEK'S WINNER IS...

. . . luscious Sandi Persico, 23, of Ridgefield, N.J., a dental assistant and aspiring actress. Sandi is a vivacious blonde who's shy and quiet at work, but can't wait for Fridays, so she can shed her scrubs and party till dawn. She says she's currently single, but always looking for that special someone to sweep her off her feet. Sandi, we'll be right over.

If you'd like to be a *WWN* Hometown Hottie, send us your sexiest picture today. And if you guys have a knockout galpal or spouse you'd like to share with our drooling family of readers, send it in. But be sure to ask her if it's O.K. first . . .

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS PRESENTS . . .

BEST CHEERLEADER

EVERYONE appreciates a nice rack — and we here at *Weekly World News* are no different. We spent days agonizing over the most tantalizingly sumptuous and jaw-droppingly luscious cleavages America's favorite pastime has to offer, and these beauties were our top picks. So enjoy, men. Just make sure you wipe the drool before your women catch you. . .

BOSOM BUDDY. The home team scores! The crowd goes crazy! The fans are on their feet! The cheerleaders start their cheering! They're clapping! They're screaming! They're kicking . . . and jumping . . . and tossing their hair . . . and . . . Wait a minute. The game's on?

BUSTING THROUGH THE LINE. 2-4-6-8. What do we appreciate? Good cleavage! Yeah! Even during the most uneventful game, we can always count on the captivating performances of the

NASTY TOWN HIRES PEOPLE TO GIVE WRONG DIRECTIONS

RESIDENTS of Boldana, New Zealand, are so afraid of tourists spoiling their quaint little town that they've hired people to give false directions in order to keep visitors away.

"Tourists ruin every place they go," says city council member Harvey Longstare, who proposed the measure hiring the "directionally challenged."

"We're just trying to hold on to what we love about this place."

Boldana has a long history of discouraging tourists. For thirty years residents have been in a constant battle with the Highway Patrol, removing any signs that point to the town.

"We've identified three or four locations in the surround-

looking people to hang around, so that tourists will ask them how to get here. Then our 'misguides' helpfully point them in the wrong direction."

And in the event anyone makes it into Boldana, the town's hired a couple of locals to make sure they don't stay long.

"My job is to go up to tourists, and tell them I know a great place to eat," says

CLEAVAGE IN THE NFL

HOT BODY. Even if they never break a sweat, girls with amazing cleavage like this will always be hotter than heat stroke.

TA-TA FOR NOW. You're not fooling anyone.

TAKING THE PLUNGE. It's first and goal and the fans are going crazy! The quarterback yells, "38-24-36!" Coincidence? Maybe we weren't the only ones who got distracted by these jugs . . .

MONKEYS TYPE SHAKESPEARE PLAY

THE CLASSIC puzzle about whether an infinite number of monkeys typing for an infinite period of time would type a Shakespeare play has been answered in the affirmative. Researchers at the Raleigh Institute near Manchester, England, announced that the monkeys in their lab produced a perfect version of "Romeo and Juliet."

"We've been holding our breath for weeks," says Alan Ripshaw, the researcher in charge of the Monkey Project. "We knew the monkeys were getting close, but we've had a number of false starts.

"One time they got to the fourth act of *Macbeth*, before making a mistake. The monkeys also recently typed out a Thomas Pynchon novel, but that doesn't count."

Ripshaw says he began the project because he was intrigued with the controversy over whether Shakespeare really was the author of the plays bearing his name.

"Some scholars think Bacon was the real author," Ripshaw says. "That's when I had the thought, 'What if they were written by monkeys?'

Ripshaw assembled 5,000 monkeys and an equal number of typewriters. The monkeys were rewarded with bananas every time they filled up a page with letters.

"Ninety-nine percent of it was nonsense," Ripshaw says. "But one of the monkeys put up a blog on the Internet, and it has a big following."

But a researcher checking says the monkeys made a mistake. "In one reference, they called 'Romeo,' 'Romero.'"

MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

As Swift Boat controversy rocks presidential race, Ed says . . .

LET US VETS DECIDE ELECTION!

ONLY VETERANS, like this patriot who served in World War II, should be granted the privilege of voting.

I'M MADDER than a Vietcong tunnel rat with claustrophobia at all these liberals who keep telling the Swift Boat Veterans to shut up about the presidential election!

If you ask me, men who've served their country in time of war should be the ONLY ones allowed to open their yaps about the race.

Let each side say their piece — the fellows who swear on a stack of Bibles that John Kerry is a hero who saved their lives and killed more pipsqueak commie gooks in Vietnam than you can shake a stick at and those who say he's a lying traitor who ought to give back every medal he didn't already throw away. Heck, even ex-soldiers who want to take cheap shots at our President for defending the home front in the National Guard should be allowed to mouth off.

Then, we ought to pass a law saying that come Election Day, only combat veterans can vote.

Folks, I have a steel plate in my head from the Korean War wound I got at the battle of Pork Chop Hill. Why should my vote count the same as some yellow-bellied longhair who hightailed

PEACENIKS who burned their draft cards back in the '60s and even solid citizens like Vice President Cheney, who got a student deferment instead of serving in Vietnam, should be denied the right to vote, according to Ed.

duty to Uncle Sam by getting a student deferment or some sickly, four-eyed pansy who didn't have to fight on account of he was 4-F?

The future of this great nation ought to be decided by men who had the patriotism to risk their lives and sacrifice their blood — or in my case, a chunk of brain tissue — for America.

Mind you, a lot of smart alecks around the office claim that missing a piece of my brain is half the reason I have such "crazy" opinions.

enough to vote anyway.

Well, this race is about just one thing, buckaroos — who has the courage to win the war on terror. Only warriors who've been tested in battle and know all about guts can be trusted to make the right choice.

The feminists will complain that the Ed Anger Veterans Rights Voting Act of 2004 would be unfair, because most women won't get to vote, seeing as how they never had a chance to be in combat.

fat butt in front of the TV and whichever politician is the bigger "hunk" is the one she'll vote for. I don't care if the guy is running on the Communist Party ticket, if he has a "real nice head of hair" she'll pick him over a bald, old fart every time.

There's only one group of servicemen who shouldn't be allowed to vote and those are the ones who are on active duty right now. You don't want a bunch of whiners who are tired of Iraq to vote out our President just 'cause they're homesick!

PLANET OF THE BEAVERS

Frisky dam-builders – NOT apes – will rule Earth in future

By MICHAEL FORSYTH

CONTRARY to popular belief, mankind's successor on Earth won't be the chimpanzee or gorilla as in *Planet of the Apes*. Instead, the humble beaver will rule the world, a top expert predicts.

"The extraordinary intelligence and industry of the beaver is well known," remarks respected futurist Alan Dankerman.

"Beavers' ability to alter their environment is second only to humans. They build sophisticated dams that change the course of rivers, as well as skillfully crafted dwellings — which could one day evolve into vast wooden cities, with majestic towers and an elaborate network of canals.

"They carry out their engineering projects in organized groups and learn both by imitation and experience. Many zoologists agree their behavior suggests humanlike consciousness."

Since the 1968 film starring Charlton Heston, the public has assumed that if humans screw up the Earth, our fellow primates are waiting in the wings to take over.

But Chicago-based Dankerman insists apes are "unlikely candidates" to be the planet's next head honchos.

"Apes are stuck in an evolutionary rut," the futurist argues. "If chimps were going to come down from the trees and start making fire, they would have done so long ago."

Beavers, on the other hand, are the most swiftly evolving

NEXT IN LINE? Industrious beavers will one day be Earth's masters – and we'll be their pets, expert says.

"IQ tests indicate the intelligence of the average North American beaver has soared 12 percent in the last 50 years," observes the expert.

"While a beaver in 1954 was markedly less intelligent than a dog, it is now superior to almost every breed.

Another reason that beavers are uniquely qualified to inherit the Earth is that they are semi-aquatic mammals, the expert says.

"Thanks to global warming, ocean levels are expected to rise worldwide," the scientist points out.

"Beavers not only can survive indefinitely in water, through their ingenious system of dams, they're able to sponge up floodwaters as necessary."

Dankerman believes that pollution, not nuclear war, will spell the end of human civilization — and beavers' mastery over the environment will save the rest of nature.

"Their dams act as Earth's kidneys, purifying waterways,"

GET YOUR STINKING PAWS OFF ME: Charlton Heston found himself in a hairy predicament in the original blockbuster movie *Planet of the Apes*.

environment to a healthy state."

The futurist predicts that beavers won't achieve full dominion over Earth until approximately 1 million A.D. By that time, the human species will probably be long extinct.

"Other than as stuffed specimens in beaver museums, only a handful of humans might survive, most likely keeping their distance from sprawling beaver cities and hiding in the hinterlands — much like Bigfoot," he says.

Since beavers are gentle by nature, it's unlikely that they'll hunt us down like the gunslinging gorillas in *Planet of the Apes*.

"Beavers will keep any captured humans as pets," Dankerman predicts.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

When filming the 2001 remake of Planet of the Apes, maverick director Tim Burton reportedly floated the idea of having Mark Wahlberg's astronaut character get busy with a female ape played by Helena Bonham Carter.

Here we go again . . .

REMAKES OF REMAKES IN THE WORKS

IS IT TOO SOON for remakes of *The Brady Bunch Movie*, *The Beverly Hillbillies* and other big-screen versions of old TV shows? Hollywood movie moguls don't think so.

Although the first big wave of such flicks began barely a decade ago in 1995, studio honchos think it's time to dip into the well once again.

"The public's tolerance for recycling has become very strong," explains an

about run out of old TV shows to draw from.

"The obvious solution is to go back to the top of the

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POLICE BEAT

CROOK WAS NO MARY POPPINS

Don't believe everything you see on TV!

THAR SHE BLOWS! Stupid crook tried to float to freedom using an umbrella.

dope of the week

THE DIFFERENCE between television and reality became very clear to one would-be burglar when he tried to escape from a fourth-floor apartment he was robbing by jumping out a window and using an umbrella as a parachute — a la Mary Poppins!

Neil Soulierre, 47, broke into the apartment of a couple he thought was away at work for the day. Entering through the front door with a skeleton key he stole from the property manager's office, he snuck in at noon and began to snoop around and decide what he was going to load into his sack.

"He sure did his research on the building's residents," says a local lawman. "That couple was the richest, most extravagant pair there — the apartment was a jewelry junkie's wet dream."

He says the intruder rummaged through drawers and chests, grabbing the precious jewels and other valuable trinkets he could sell for cash. He had nearly filled his bag of goodies when he heard the sound of a key turning in the front door — meaning the owners had returned earlier than he had expected.

According to the arrest report, Soulierre panicked at the thought of being caught and started looking for a way out. Unfortunately for him, the fourth-floor apartment had only one entrance — the front door — and sneaking out of a window that high off the ground was clearly not a sane man's option.

"Sanity, though, was apparently not this man's strong point," says the officer. "He must have been a Mary Poppins fan because he decided to reenact that famous umbrella floating scene as his getaway attempt.

"Rather than having the residents catch him looting their things, he unlocked one of the windows, opened a golf umbrella he found nearby, hoisted himself out onto the windowsill and jumped over the edge."

A witness who was walking on the sidewalk below says the umbrella parachute lasted about three seconds before inverting from the air pressure whooshing up into it.

Recalling that she was nearly smashed by the falling felon, the pedestrian adds, "It was actually really comical while it lasted, but I can't believe he really thought that umbrella was going to save him!"

Police say Soulierre was airlifted to the hospital for treatment of several broken bones and will be charged and arrested upon his release. The bag of jewels was left on the living room floor by the opened window.

CRIME BLOTTER

SNACK ATTACK

A mother of three has been arrested for allegedly giving pot brownies to an entire classroom of 3-year-olds.

All the parents take turns bringing in "snacks" for their kids' preschool class, explains the teacher. On this particular day, Sasha

brownies. Police say she figured she might as well make a "special batch" for herself while she was at it, so she mixed some marijuana into half the batter.

The teacher discovered the slip-up when she realized the entire group of kids "were just sitting around and staring, and kept begging her to order pizza."

JAMMIN' INTO A JAM

A 21-year-old University of

apartment above him.

Police were called to the scene after the apartment complex issued four different warnings to the beat-blasting boy. Lease terms specifically cite that personal music must not be heard in other units, says the Gainesville, Fla., property manager.

The upstairs neighbor who filed most of the complaints, says the bass from the student's rap music rattled her brain — and her belong-

HELP! MY PENIS IS SHRINKING!

CDC RED ALERT: IS AL QAEDA BEHIND THE EPIDEMIC?

A MYSTERY virus that may have been unleashed by Osama Bin Laden's Al Qaeda terror group attacks men where it hurts – the strange bug makes their manhood shrivel and shrink until their "mighty bats" are as teeny as toothpicks, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reports.

And there's no telling how many men might already be infected.

According to epidemiologists, "hundreds of victims have been diagnosed in all 50 states and millions more are at risk."

And the virus is spreading like wildfire, they continue, via casual contact as seemingly innocuous as a businessman's handshake or a friendly pat on the back.

"We're seeing men lose up to 50 percent of their length and girth over a period of just a few weeks," says a spokesman at the CDC's headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

"We're talking about a devastating decline in masculinity that could affect self-esteem or even drive a man to suicide."

Warning signs include but aren't limited to unexplained itching, more or fewer erections than normal, and significant others who complain that they "don't feel anything" during sex or ask ques-

Osama's penile implant stuck in 'on' position!

By SKIP PEAVEY

OSAMA BIN LADEN has gone deeper into hiding than ever before because the penile implant he got in 1999 is stuck in the "up" position and he's too embarrassed to let anybody, even his closest terror advisors, see him "that way."

"He's got a woody that won't quit and the pain must be blinding," observes a CIA source who's been tracking what he terms "the strangest development yet" in America's war against terror.

"And that's not going to change anytime soon because even though we can't pinpoint the exact cave he's hiding in, we know we've got him surrounded in the mountains of Afghanistan.

"That means Osama can't get out to see a doctor — and a doctor can't get in to see him."

Snapshots obtained by CIA operatives in Afghanistan show the terror kingpin looking sheepishly at a camera while covering his naughty bits with crossed hands, which the CIA source insists "is all for show because it's a known fact that Osama has a teeny weenie and could have shielded himself with a pinkie."

The source went on to note that Osama "is severely diabetic. According to our best intelligence, he got the implant in Saudi Arabia in November of 1999 to compensate for circulation problems that left him impotent at the height of his sizzling and well-publicized gay affair with Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein."

"Judging from the trysts we know they shared up until just weeks before Saddam's capture last December, it's clear the implant performed like it was supposed to for at least four years," continues the insider.

"It apparently malfunctioned last spring, which is the last time Osama appeared on a terror video taunting the United States.

"That would make sense because even though Osama is said to be a tiger in bed, in public, he's a prude. The idea of millions of his followers seeing him 'that way' isn't something we would expect him to be comfortable with."

U.S. doctors queried by reporters say malfunctioning penile implants "seldom repair themselves on their own."

"Implants are a sophisticated assembly of tubes, hoses, springs, pumps and, in some cases, computer chips and electronics that tend to work reliably but have been known to go on the blink from time to time," explains one implant surgeon.

"Mr. Bin Laden must feel like he's got a Fourth of July sparkler shoved up there, and when he has to pass water, make that two

PROBLEM IN HAND: Osama suffers quietly, too embarrassed to ask for help.

No wonder he's in hiding, say intelligence sources!

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Psychologists agree that Osama Bin Laden, who was born into wealth, almost certainly would have become a playboy instead of a terrorist if he had been blessed with "a bigger weenie." Like many undersize guys, he compensates by inflicting murder and mayhem, the esteemed experts say.

PHOTOS, taken earlier this year, show Saddam and Osama sharing intimate moments at a Baghdad spa.

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WOMAN RETURNS DRESS AFTER 27 YEARS — and store takes it back!

By SCOTT STEVENS

A BOCA RATON woman who bought a dress in 1977 returned it to the store she bought it from for a refund – and the store gave her one!

"The dress doesn't fit anymore," Miriam Beckoff, the customer, told the cashier. The cashier told Beckoff that the store had a one-month return policy, but Beckoff persisted.

"I told the cashier that when I bought the dress, the salesman swore that it would never shrink, but it obviously has, since I can't get into it any more," Beckoff says.

Beckoff, 69, who weighed 110 when she bought the dress, and now tips the scale at 140, doesn't think her weight increase is relevant.

"I distinctly remember the salesman saying 'That dress will always look good on you. It's timeless.' Obviously, he was trying to sell me a bill of goods, whatever that means."

Mel Canitall, the proprietor, says he had no choice but to take the dress back. "She came in during the busiest time. What was I going to do – argue with an old lady? I'd lose customers left and right.

WWN EXCLUSIVE

SINGLE MOM SHOOTS 42lb. ROACH ...in her New York apartment!

By NIKKI VEE

QUICK-THINKING Jenny Dreher shot and killed what might have been the world's biggest cockroach when she caught the 42-pounder sucking on a jar of strained peas that it swiped from her 7-month-old daughter in the kitchen of their spotless-but-aging apartment in Rochester, N.Y.

"At first I thought it was the neighbor's cat. Look — it's huge!" the petite mom gushed while hoisting the lifeless insect high for photographers in what she later termed "my first-ever photo op."

"I had put Brenda in her high chair while I went to the bathroom, and when I got back to the kitchen the roach was sitting right up there with her as pretty as you please, slurping her strained peas like nobody's business.

"I screamed and hit it with a rolled up newspaper, but it didn't even flinch.

"Brenda is so young and trusting — all she did was gurgle and coo. But I almost had a heart attack.

"Thank God my boyfriend gave me a .22-caliber revolver to keep for protection. Otherwise I

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Roaches of any size can be domesticated and trained to perform numerous tricks, say experts, including jumping through miniature hoops, fetching crumbs and even playing hide-and-seek.

Dreher, 28, says she raced to her bedroom to retrieve the handgun from its hiding place in a chest of drawers, making it back to the kitchen just in time to see the 39-inch bug — 59 if you include its antennae — skittering down from the high chair and across her linoleum floor.

"It froze when it saw me with the gun like it knew what a gun was," says Dreher.

The roach "glared at me with its brown, beady eyes" and "waved its antennae around like it was trying to warn me away," she continues.

"Then all of a sudden it turned tail and ran. Fortunately, it wasn't faster than a bullet. And I was so pumped up on adrenaline that I pulled the trigger six times.

"It was kind of weird because the roach just stopped in its tracks. And then its legs started

of bug killer in its face just to make sure it was going to stay dead."

An exterminator found a 20-inch hole behind Dreher's refrigerator which, he says, "was how the roach got in there in the first place."

An entomologist at New York University's Albany campus retrieved the roach carcass for study. Shockingly, he says giant roaches in the 4- to 12-pound range aren't all that uncommon, especially in big cities.

"At 42 pounds, 2 ounces, this is the biggest roach that I, personally, have ever seen — and it might very well be a world record," Dr. Werner Hull told reporters. "Unfortunately, insects of this size seldom travel alone.

"The entire city of Rochester could be infested with these things. Only time will tell."

NEWS 'TOON

THE BIG PICTURE

SINGLE mom Jenny Dreher poses with the 42-pound monster that was about to devour her 7-month-old daughter.

SENIOR MOMENT

Oldster vows to turn off his blinkers!

By MATT KIRSCH

FLORIDA senior Herb Landerson is fed up with the stereotype that declares folks his age spend half their time on the road with a perpetually blinking turn signal – and he plans to do something about it.

"When younger people think of the elderly, three things instantly pop into their heads," says Landerson. "One, they go to bed around 5:00 p.m. Two, they smell like urine, and three, they always leave their blinkers on when they drive. Well, I'm proud to say that only two out of three apply to me now! This is one senior who vows to never let his blinker go unattended ever again!"

"Mr. Landerson is taking an important stand," says Michael Alberts, a spokesman for the National Driving Council.

"Statistics show that more than 20 percent of all accidents on the roads today are caused by driver's losing control of their vehicle because they're too busy yelling and gesturing at an elderly person to turn off their turn signal.

"You could say Herb is a Thomas Jefferson or a George Washington of his time, and by

CREDIT CARD COMPANY USING MOB THUGS TO COLLECT DEBTS

By MICHAEL CHIRON

DECLARING WAR on deadbeats, credit card companies nationwide have quietly begun using Mafia goons to collect dough owed by credit-crazy Americans!

"A couple of broken kneecaps with the promise of more and most customers are delighted to pay the money they owe us," explains an industry insider. "I don't know why we didn't think of this before."

With credit-card debt in America soaring to an average of $8,400 per household, companies resorted to hardball tactics out of necessity.

"Collection agencies just weren't cutting the mustard anymore," explains the insider. "With caller ID, it was too easy for deadbeats to duck them.

"But these Mob guys routinely track down rats in the witness protection program. No way can Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blow hide from them."

Customers who answer the doorbell and meet Mob knee-busters brandishing brass knuckles are shocked by the aggressive new approach — but experts aren't.

"Credit card companies have been growing sleazier every year," declares Grace Kneilson, director of the consumer watchdog group Fair Deal.

"We've seen tactics that border on criminal conduct — such as switching due dates to trick customers into paying late fees. Hiring card-carrying gangsters is a natural extension of that."

While some mobsters are moonlighting, others have quit their jobs with Mafia loansharks for more lucrative employment in the credit card business.

Burly, 275-pound Tony "The Rhino" Pincallario, a former strong-arm man for the Gambino crime family, now works full-time for a major credit card firm.

"It still feels funny slapping around some yuppie suburban couple," he chuckles.

"Sometimes, when my associate and me show up on their doorstep, talking with Brooklyn accents, they think it's a gag and start looking around for a TV camera.

"But usually, by the time I slam the husband's head down on the hood of their SUV and shove my piece against his temple, they get the picture."

Mary-Anne Closewood of Kansas City was stunned when a pair of hoods sporting huge pompadours barged through her front door as she baked cookies.

"My husband and I had been planning to pay the money back as soon as we got ahead," says the 45-year-old mom of three. "But those guys from the credit-card company didn't want to hear it.

"One of them smacked my face and when my husband protested, they punched him in the belly. After he crumpled to the floor, they kicked him until he agreed to pay up."

Government dogs can sniff out un-American people

By MARK TOMPKINS

ACCORDING to a source in the Department of Homeland Security, that agency will soon launch a program that will use dogs to sniff out people who are un-American!

"You didn't hear it from me," says Vincent Muttler, a junior aide to Secretary Tom Ridge, "but according to

TRACKING down un-American. Obviously, we need to root out these dangerous infiltrators. And nothing beats a canine when it comes to sniffing out trouble."

According to Muttler, deranged extremists like *Fahrenheit 9-11* director Michael Moore and U2 lead singer

MICHAEL MOORE: sniffed out by POOCH patrol?

When a trained dog detects this scent, he will bark furiously, alerting his police handler.

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When asked if he thought POOCH was a bit extreme, Muttler snarled, "Hell no! According to the Patriot Act, the government can do whatever it wants in the name of national security. Un-

Gassy ghost raises a stink

Visitor from nether world really lets them rip!

By MARK TOMPKINS

STINKY SPIRIT is the ghost of a world-famous circus performer.

NEWLYWEDS Nick and Belinda Lipschitz were as happy as could be when they bought their Vermont home — little did they know the place was haunted by a ghost who burps and passes gas constantly!

"We first realized something was amiss about a week after we moved in," recalls a tearful Belinda. "I was unpacking when I heard a belch so loud it made the floor shake. I whirled around and Nick was standing there looking puzzled. 'It wasn't me,' he said and I said, 'Sure it wasn't.'"

"A few days later," says Nick, "I was crawling around on the floor looking for one of my contact lenses when I heard what I can only describe as the most thunderous fart imaginable right in front of my face, along with a smell so foul I actually blacked out. When I woke up, a paramedic was placing an oxygen mask on me. It was the closest I ever to suspect something paranormal was going on," says Belinda. "Luckily, one of our good friends is Dr. Wilson Plunkett, the renowned ghost-whisperer."

As Nick describes it, Plunkett felt a presence almost as soon as he entered the Lipschitz home. "He spoke at length with a spirit who identified himself as Stan McManus, better known as Gas Man. Seventy-five years ago, Gas Man had been a circus performer whose unique gastro-intestinal disorder made him world famous. In the prime of his career, Gas Man bought this house and a few months later he died here when he was killed by one of his own farts. Gas Man told Plunkett he bitterly resents Belinda and I taking over what he calls 'my damn house.' He's hoping that if he raises a big enough stink, we'll move out."

"What a nightmare this has been," sobs Belinda. "We came here thinking we'd found our dream home and instead we're living in a stinky hellhole where it's potentially life-threatening not to have a clothespin on your nose at all times."

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REAL-LIFE CATWOMAN FOUND IN OZARKS!

By MIKE FOSTER

-WOW! Kiki, the -human, half-feline found living in ote Ozarks cabin he real cat's mas, stunned ntists say.

FLABBERGASTED Arkansas scientists have confirmed the discovery of a real-life catwoman in the Ozarks — a half-human, half-feline creature with whiskers who dines on live mice!

The bizarre freak of nature, believed to be about 19 years of age, sports pointy ears, razor-sharp claws, catlike green eyes and even a winding tail that juts out above her taut buttocks.

Known only as Kiki, the strange teen dwells in a ramshackle hut on the side of Mount Sherman, where she was raised by a reclusive old mountain woman named Edith "Ma" Broadham, the proud owner of 140 cats.

"Kiki not only has catlike physical traits, her behavior is remarkably feline," declares lead researcher Dr. Garth McDavers.

"She spends most of her time crawling on all fours and affectionately rubs her head against visitors' legs.

"She can't speak — she purrs when she's happy and hisses when she's mad.

— & SHE'S ON THE PROWL FOR A MATE!

"Once in a while some slick reporter has come sniffing around, looking for Kiki. I'd just run 'em off my land with my shotgun," the spry senior says.

"Same goes for a lot of these local boys who get some whiskey in them and come around figuring to sow a few wild oats."

But recently, the oldster had a change of heart. She noticed that Kiki was irritable and restless, often knocking over her milk bowl for no reason.

"At first I thought, 'What in tarnation has got into her?' " Ma Broadham says. "Then it hit me: The poor thing is in heat.

"I said to myself, 'Kiki has needs, just like any other gal her age. I better see if I can rustle up a man for her.' "

Mrs. Broadham, a longtime *Weekly World News* reader, wrote a letter informing our editors that her half-cat, half-human charge was available for marriage.

Wary of possible hoax, our staff contacted Dr. McDavers, who has examined Kiki and concluded she's the genuine article.

In her husband-wanted letter, Ma Broadham explained that Kiki is looking for an "upstanding, church-going man."

Dog lovers need not apply — the curvy catwoman "won't abide" canines, Ma

"She takes baths by licking herself — and even does her business in kitty litter."

Kiki's origins are clouded in mystery. But it's known she was born not far from the remote shack, about 25 miles from Jasper, Ark.

"Kiki was born looking funny and her mama didn't want nothing to do with her," recalls 86-year-old Ma Broadham, taking a puff on her corncob pipe. "Folks knew I have a way with cats and so they brought the young'un to me."

Scientists are struggling to explain Kiki's baffling appearance. Theories include the suggestion that she is a throwback in evolution; a mutation — or, most shockingly, the product of an interspecies romance. In the tight-lipped hillbilly community, there are whispered rumors that Kiki's birth mom "tangled with" a mountain lion — although such talk is dismissed as "pure hogwash" by the girl's elderly guardian.

"We're conducting genetic tests to get to the bottom of the mystery," says Dr. McDavers, of Little Rock. "But it won't exactly come as a big surprise if it turns out good old-fashioned inbreeding has something to do with this."

Feisty Ma Broadham, known locally as "the crazy woman," is very protective of Kiki. For most of the teen's life, she has shielded the feline freak from prying eyes — especially the media.

Broadham reveals.

Ma Broadham admits her whiskered ward has plenty of faults.

"She has a mean temper — I have a whole mess of scars where Kiki scratched me," the hillbilly hermit says.

"Just like my cats, she'll go out wandering and not come back for days. She's a real finicky eater too — hardly touches Purina and that other canned stuff. Any time the cats get to a mouse first, she'll throw a hissy fit.

"Sometimes Kiki ain't mindful of her chores, neither. But all you have to do is give her a whack on the behind with a newspaper."

Dr. McDavers calls the catwoman a physical marvel.

"She moves with feline grace and has perfect balance," he says.

The fact that Kiki is in breeding mode is also obvious to the researcher.

"She'll get down on all fours near you and arch her back just like a cat," he explains. "At the same time, she makes this deep, purring sound in the back of her throat — it doesn't take a degree in zoology to know she's hot and bothered."

Yet the sex kitten might not make an ideal mate.

"Remember, this pathetic creature has the mind of an animal," the expert warns. "She's not the sort of girl a suitor can take on a date to five-star restaurant. When she's not coughing up a hairball onto her plate, she'd be using the table legs as a scratching post."

For now, scientists are keeping the bizarre backwoods beauty in her natural habitat, saying that to remove her from the only home she's ever known might be too traumatic.

"But we are beginning to expose her to simple children's books for the first time," Dr. McDavers says. "She seems to have near-human intelligence and we are hopeful that soon we will be able to communicate with her."

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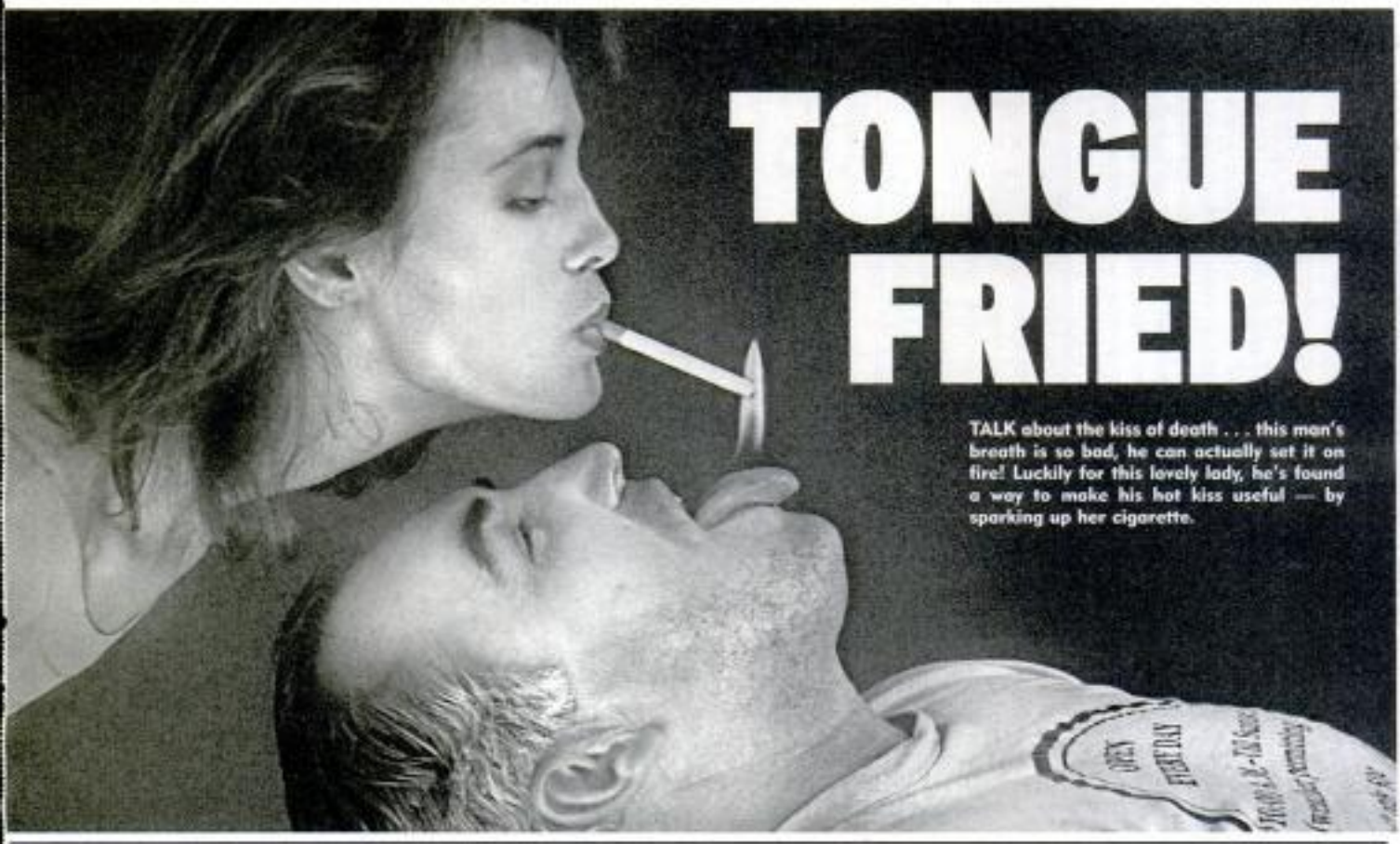

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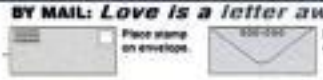

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By MICHAEL FORSYTH

BUXOM blonde beauty Krista Endelwood is the world's most expensive hooker. A single night of passion with the curvaceous call girl will set you back a staggering $1 million!

Incredibly, the stinking-rich Arab playboys, movie moguls, and other fat cats who've engaged Krista's services insist that the super-sexy strumpet is worth every penny.

"In fact, after every session with Krista, I tip her $150,000 or so," raves the owner of a giant software firm who requested anonymity. "Krista is unbelievable. She can do things with her body you'd swear are physically impossible. Not only can she crack apart a walnut with her butt cheeks, she can squeeze it back together into one piece."

Beautiful Krista, 23, who works for an exclusive escort service based in Winnemucca, Nev., sports a dazzling 38D-22-36 figure and the face of an angel — but there's nothing angelic about her bedspring-busting behavior on the job.

"I really try to give my clients their money's worth," she giggles.

The luscious lady of the evening works just one night a week. She has been in the business for two years and expects to retire by age 25 with a fortune exceeding $200 million, she says.

Remarkably, despite Krista's astronomical rates, there are some services she refuses to provide.

"I don't do that Monica Lewinsky stuff — to me that's always just seemed too gross," the blonde bad girl reveals.

Not surprisingly, Krista's rivals are jealous of her success — and accuse her of price gouging.

"It's ridiculous what that little bimbo charges," says a leggy brunette colleague who asked that her name be withheld. "I don't even think she's all that pretty.

"No roll in the hay is worth $1 million."

Researcher Tim Biddlebaum, author of a best-selling, 500-page guide to legal brothels and escort services in Nevada, agrees that there is nothing unique about the high-priced harlot's technique — in fact, Krista only receives four out of five stars in the book.

"When I asked for a free hands-on demonstration for my rankings, I found that Krista's reverse-cowgirl needed fine tuning," he notes.

"She does have a great personality, though, and a wonderful smile."

In fact, Biddlebaum theorizes, it's Krista's winning personality, not her looks or bedroom acrobatics, that allows her to command such a sky-high fee.

"These big shots don't like to admit it, but they actually fall in love with Krista," the expert

ARE YOU KIDDING?

If someone tells you to watch out for lot lizards, don't scour the parking lot looking for little green critters. A "lot lizard" is street slang for a hooker who plies her trade at truck stops — often soliciting clients over a CB radio.

IT'S OFFICIAL – EATIN' FISH MAKES YOU STOOPID!

By TONY KURTZ

IF YOU think fish is brain food you must eat a lot of it – because a new study proves that fish, though tasty, makes you stupid!

"If you feel like you've got IQ to burn, sure, go ahead – eat fish," says Dr. Richard Smith, author of the eye-opening new book, *Eating for Intelligence* (Food & Nutrition Press).

"But if you don't have smarts to spare, fish is the last thing you want to put on the table. In fact, it's 'reverse brain food.' It really will make you dumb."

Smith's searing indictment of fish has infuriated seafood restaurants and the fishing industry, both of which argue that "fish feeds the brain with a unique array of nutritional components."

The doctor counters by thumping a soon-to-be-published federal report that says both freshwater and ocean fish are filled with brain-busting environmental toxins.

So what can seafood lovers do to get their "fish fix?"

"I suggest they eat things that just smell like fish," says Smith, pointing to his wife. "She loves those artificially flavored 'sea legs' things you can buy in the supermarket or pick up on the free buffet table during happy hour.

"They aren't half bad if you pour a lot of ketchup on them."

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SUPERMARKET LOBSTERS ESCAPE TANK & TERRORIZE SHOPPERS

KEEP your claws to yourself! There's nothing more horrifying than enraged shellfish.

By NICK JEFFREYS

LOBSTERS terrorized shoppers in a Nebraska Food Rite supermarket after their tank shattered and they escaped.

Customers fled up and down the colorful labyrinth of food aisles, frantically dodging dozens of evil crustaceans that were aggressively brandishing their snapping claws.

"They were greenish blue devils, slimy and wet," says Reva Shubert, 33, who was in the produce department when the horror began. "Their little feet made eerie 'click-clack' sounds as they scuttled around finding victims."

The married mother of three says she quickly climbed into the tastefully arranged fruit display and covered herself with cantaloupes.

"I hid myself well," says Shubert, "but I could see through a gap in the produce. I'll never forget the spraying blood and the screams of those poor people. I still have flashbacks and nightmares."

Shubert saw a man sprinting around the corner, his shopping cart on two wheels, one of the lobsters close on his heels.

"The lobster caught him by the ankle and slashed his legs until he let go of the cart and fell to his knees," says Shubert.

"I didn't even know lobsters made noise, but it let out a high-pitched screech. It must have called to the others because seconds later, several of them were massing like mad flies on top of the man.

"They savaged him. I could see bits of flesh flying and a pool of blood spreading under him until he stopped struggling.

When they ate their fill, they scattered to find others."

The same grisly scene was repeated all over the supermarket. The scurrying lobsters brought down six customers and an assistant manager before the police could shoot them all to shellfish hell.

"We got a strange call from someone yelling about a lobster attack," says Chief Benjamin Jones of the Treasure Town Police Department. "The woman said, 'I'm standing in the ice-cream case and I'm freezing to death. Hurry!'

"When we got inside it was a war zone. Bloody bodies of shoppers slumped all over the place. Overturned carts. The cash register girls were running in place on the black conveyor belts. Customers were hiding everywhere.

"The manager said the glass tank must have had a small crack and the pressure of the water made it explode, shooting lobsters all over the supermarket. They got the rubber bands off their claws so fast I think they already had it planned out. Who would have thought lobsters were so angry at us for boiling them alive and eating them? I used to enjoy a good surf and turf dinner. Not any more."

For people on the go...

Man Has Toilet in His Car

By GENE SUTCLIFFE

IF YOU thought you were driving a crappy car, consider this: a man in Stinkmore, Ind., has a fully functioning toilet in his '99 Saturn Coupe!

"The idea came to me when I was caught in a

the microwaved burritos I'd had for breakfast, I suddenly felt an overwhelming urge to go to the bathroom. Unfortunately, there wasn't one around."

The next day, Myron removed the driver's

Royal Flush Plumbing if he could install the toilet.

After several failed prototypes resulting in hundreds of dollars worth of damaged upholstery, Lester finally got it right – almost.

"The septic tank is located in the trunk, and now and again it springs a leak," Meeks explains. "This can be very frustrating, especially after I

the bowl has clogged a few times and even overflowed, which as you can imagine is no fun when you're behind the wheel.

"But generally, I'm very pleased. No more squirming in discomfort during my morning commute. No more pulling over to use some unsanitary public rest room.

"Overall, I'd have to say that putting a toilet in my

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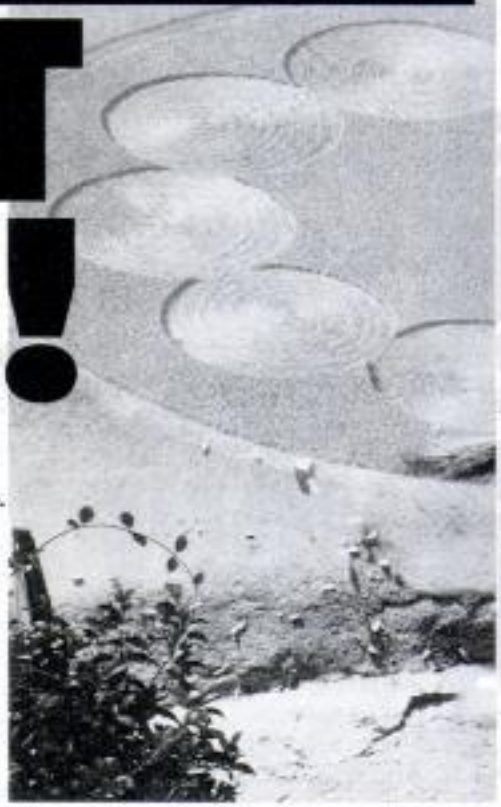


By MARK MILLER

IN an intriguing urban twist on the rural phenomenon of crop circles, city dwellers are spotting strange designs made on street pavements.

These "asphalt circles," as they are being called, have suddenly appeared, seemingly out of nowhere, in six different states throughout America — New York, California, Illinois, Texas, Florida, Michigan and Washington, D.C.

In Chicago, security guard Chester Humphries, 38, was just arriving at work at 6:00 a.m. at the Midlands Mall, when something in the center of the empty parking lot caught his eye. "It was like some really strong artist had carved out these enormous circles in the parking lot. At first, I thought I was hallucinating because I had had a couple of six-packs the night before and always fire up a little doobie before I get out of the car for work in the morning. But I went and touched 'em with my own hands and those suckers are for real!"

ARE YOU KIDDING?

University of Rochester fraternity Kappa Delta Sigma was suspended for creating "lingerie circles," composed of female students' panties and bras arranged in geometric patterns, on the lawn outside sorority house Phi Epsilon Tau.

Experts were called in to investigate.

"These seem to be similar to the well-documented 'crop circles' we have seen in farm country," states Barry Ferngreave, research chief of the Texas Institute for Unexplained Phenomena, located outside Dallas.

Initially, the crop circle phenomenon was attributed to freak wind vortices, although why these created such perfect shapes in crop fields remains unexplained.

"Now we've got these asphalt circles, and we're getting ten to twenty reports of sightings every day," adds Ferngreave.

Some investigators say the asphalt circles are a natural phenomenon, others say they're communication from other dimensions or even from God. The military has become involved in their investigation and Hollywood has expressed interest in featuring the asphalt circles in upcoming movies, such as *Shrek 3* and *Spiderman 3*.

But skeptics suggest the markings are nothing more that large potholes — or stunts pulled by wealthy teenagers. "They're not painted or carved, that much we know," says Ferngreave. "Whatever man-made machinery in existence that could make those kinds of markings would create an awful lot of noise. These things, though, appear silently; no one has ever heard a peep out of them being made."

Darryl Petrovsky, 61, of Tampa, Fla., was leaving his friend's retirement party late one night. "I stepped outside to get to my car and saw that the entire street had been carved into complex geometric designs.

"I think it's obvious that someone or something is trying to contact us."

TERRORISTS USE INFOMERCIALS TO RECRUIT SUICIDE BOMBERS

By JAKE ANDERSON

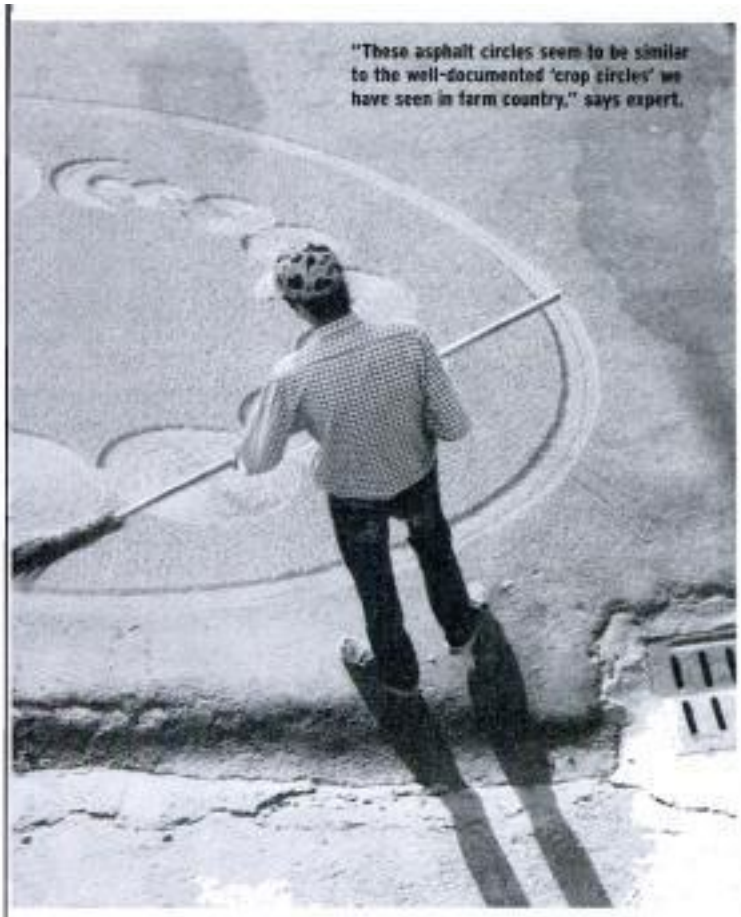
TAKING a page from American know-how, Al Qaeda terrorists have taken to bolstering their ranks by running late night infomercials on Iraqi television stations.

The ads, for "Terrorist in a Box," show testimonials from enthusiastic customers like Abdul herder. But since ordering "Terrorist in a Box," I have a direction. Allah willing, I'll blow myself up within three months!"

The terrorist training kit includes a how-to book on mayhem-making topics like how to obtain fake IDs, driving a truck directly into a building, and how to take hostages.

saying, "Call now and join the ranks of martyrs. Operators are standing by. And if you call within the next half hour, we'll throw in 25 extra virgins when you blow yourself up. AND THAT'S NOT ALL! We'll also include this 'Body bomb starter kit.'

AND THAT'S NOT ALL! Act



"These asphalt circles seem to be similar to the well-documented 'crop circles' we have seen in farm country," says expert.

TIGHT-BUTTED PREACHER TURNS WINE INTO WATER

A FUNDAMENTALIST preacher who believes that drinking alcohol is a sin is turning all the wine in his town into water – and the town's liquor store and bar owners are up in arms!

Lamont Cragstaff, who preaches to a congregation in Dry Creek, Ala., has been preaching against the evil of alcohol for forty years, "Ever since I drank at a wake and woke up the next morning next to a man I didn't know," he says.

But the preacher was largely ignored by the community of 7,000, until he discovered his amazing power.

"I felt that I was given this power for a reason, and it was my duty to rid the town of liquor."

Cragstaff began walking into taverns and sidling up the bar. "I'd ask a patron 'What're you drinking?' and he'd say, 'Wine' and I'd point to it and say, 'Are you sure?' and he looked and it had turned into water. I convert a lot of people that way."

But bartenders and liquor store owners aren't pleased. "This freak is hanging us out to dry," says Hobart Jones, owner of the Stagger Inn. "Not only is he making my inventory worthless, but he's scaring the patrons."

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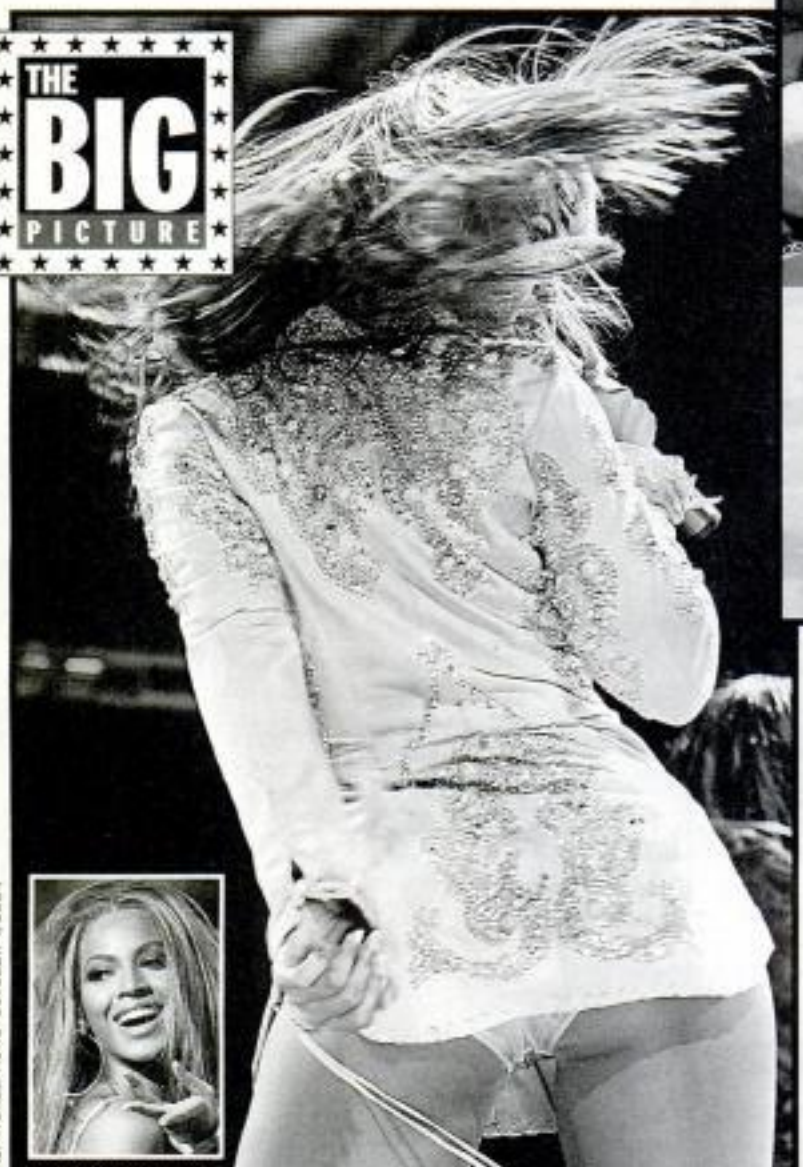
JENNIFER LOPEZ



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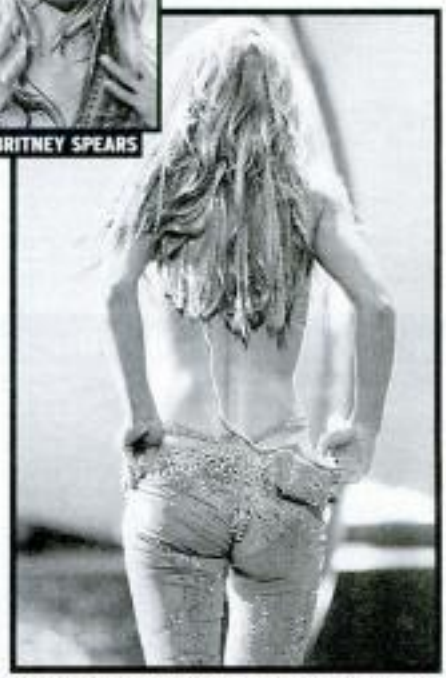

WHO'S GOT THE NUMBER ONE BUM?

Here's an election that really matters. Tell us who has Hollywood's best butt, and we'll give you something to look forward to: More pictures of the No. 1 bum!

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33 Arouse emotion
35 Winding waterways
36 Suppresses
37 Bearnaise and Hollandaise
38 Tantalizes
41 Tethers
43 Stir-fry pans
45 Became roused
46 Snoozed
47 Rayed flower
50 Long, slender candles
52 Curly-edged lettuce
54 Spirit pole
56 Asia's — Sea
58 Metal fastener
59 Imitated
60 PBS science series
61 Lengthy narrative
64 Enraged
66 Catches
69 Semi-aquatic mammal
71 Long-distance runner
72 Farm outbuilding
74 The Devil
76 Depart
77 Eased an itch
78 Work hard
79 Uses a stopwatch
80 Housecoats
81 European ring-tailed carnivore
84 Pie plate
85 Small boy
86 King of Judea
88 Noggins
89 Snare
90 Creepier
91 Sofa
92 Acids for protein synthesis
94 Perky
95 Worked laboriously
98 Stumble
99 Oversupply
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106 Underground openings
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113 Actress Hunt
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118 Conclusion
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121 Brewing grain
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124 Politician Al
126 Shoo!
127 Containing less fat
129 Master of ceremonies
130 Unintelligent persons (Sl)
131 Wigwams
132 Bronco bustin' show
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138 Funnel-shaped flower
140 Opposites do this
142 Illegal activity
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191 Approaches
192 To and —
193 Hound for payment
195 Thong
196 Waste water pipeline
197 Tendon
198 H2O
200 Finishes
202 "The lesser of two —"
205 Brew, as tea
207 Carpenter and Red
208 Modify
209 Ecstasy
210 Meanders
212 Wait on tables
213 Celebrity
215 Transgressions
216 — of approval
217 Middle Eastern ruler
219 Wind catcher
221 Group of eight
223 Breaks in continuity
225 Olden secretary
227 Fragrant flower
229 French school
231 Titles for men
232 "To thine own — be true"
234 Plant shoot
236 Tranquilize
237 Canal country
239 Basketball position
241 Hot dog topper
244 Heartbeats
245 Pointed a finger
247 Moseyed along
249 Heavenly
251 Hors d'oeuvre
253 Elicit
254 Connected by blood
255 Swerve from the course
256 Ring-shaped coral reef
257 Make believe
258 French painter
259 Condemns
260 Singer Elvis

DOWN

2 Vientiane native
3 Little green men
4 Parasite egg
5 Always
6 Actress Hatcher
7 Orange vegetables
8 Residents of Juneau
9 Stick out
10 Native Americans
11 One whose kids flew the coop: empty —
12 Serious
13 Spanish three
14 Life-saving service (Abbr)
15 Religious holiday
16 Skulked around
18 Visage
19 Animal pelts
20 Anger
21 Royal residence
22 Holds in high regard
24 Gush forth
26 Undeniable
28 Fib
32 Maple syrup base
33 Bald soarers
34 Loan-holders
39 Party decorations
40 Ambulance wails
42 Barn cubicle
44 Bridges
45 Rubbed with a cloth
46 Begin
48 Great Lake
49 Devastate
51 Calendar addition
53 Antiquated
54 Ohio city
55 Done
65 Comedian Leary
67 Grating of crossed bars
68 Soundness of mind
69 A series of eight
70 "Better late — never"
71 Deserve
72 Chomps
73 Remainder
75 Himalayan monarchy
79 Records
82 Slippery fish
83 Groups of three
86 Stops
87 Australian bird
90 Bordered
93 Dieter's bane
96 Manservant
97 "— go bragh!"
101 Between Ave. B and Ave. D (2 wds)
102 Of the kidneys
103 Decreases in value
105 Perplexing
106 100-year-old
107 Outgoing
109 Peat
110 Added tax
112 Winter precipitation
113 Large pile
114 Garbage dumps
115 Nautical direction
117 Golf peg
119 Smiled
120 Regal wand
121 Chinese leader
123 — Hall University
125 Decorative cases
126 Chairs
128 Upright
136 Hauling cart
137 Possesses
139 Hawaiian guitars, for short
141 Quantity of paper
143 Knock lightly
144 Pork or beef
146 Doctrine
149 Smirk
152 Issue a challenge
153 Coalesce
155 Stuck-up persons
156 "Oh, woe — —!"
160 Docks
161 Dreads
164 Exclamation of disbelief
165 Leather honing bands
166 Three-ringed notebook
168 Dressed to the —
169 Walked along leisurely
170 Serpentine curves
171 Pottery fragment
172 After auction or musket
174 Encountered
175 Land measures
177 Salamanders
178 Friendly salutations
179 Twirl
181 Purpose
182 Adolescents
183 Appendages
184 Car
186 Roof overhangs
187 Corkscrew-shaped
189 Actress de Matteo
192 Fencing sword
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198 Squander
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214 Flute player
216 Dieted
218 Gives in
220 Ethical consideration
222 Split
224 Wears away
226 Asked for proof of age
228 Fill with dismay
230 Taxi
231 French river
233 Run away
235 —-de-France
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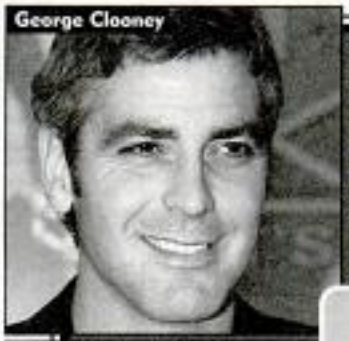
Bedside manner!

Sultry Renee Zellweger has made a huge impact on the Hollywood screen scene, starring in such films as *Jerry Maguire, Chicago, Nurse Betty* and *Cold Mountain*. Can you guess which of these star-crossed guys had her at "hello" and all that jazz? Answers are below.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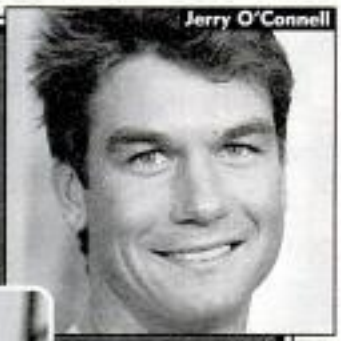
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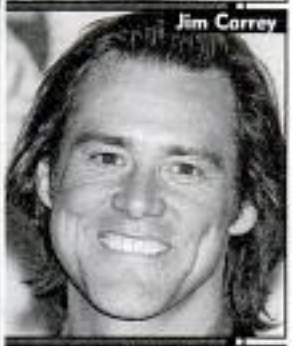
Jim Carrey

Hugh Jackman

Matthew Perry

According to our sources, Renee Zellweger has been romantically linked to funny man Jim Carrey and everybody's favorite TV doctor, George Clooney.

MYSTERY EYES

Here are close-ups of some all-Americans whose eyes give them a distinctive look and who share a small detail. Can you place the faces and name the names? HINT: They've all won Olympic gold . . .

1

Looks like a perfect 10.

2

Here fishy, fishy. . .

3

U.S. comeback kid.

4

She's bringing it home.

5

She kicks (butt).

WHO ARE THEY?
1) Carly Patterson | 3) Paul Hamm
2) Michael Phelps | 4) Jenny Finch
5) Mia Hamm

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE:

Key to the card you picked on Page 12

1 The Princess — LEARNING

Love: You are about to enter a new phase in your love life. Take it slow and don't rush yourself, these are things you've never done before.

Money: Prepare for a dip in finances around the middle of the week. It's only temporary, but don't be too sure of more on the way. Save, save, save.

Health: A relative or close friend may have some health problems fairly soon. Stick by them and give them encourage-

2 5 of Wands — OBSTACLES

Love: A few bumps in the road are to be expected from any relationships, but this ride is a little too rough to bear. Save the drama and just get out now.

Money: Try to keep a straight face when your boss is giving you constructive criticism. It's never a good idea to laugh at the guy who signs your paycheck.

Health: Make sure you always have a stockpile of bandages in the medi-

3 8 of Cups — MISERY

Love: You've been through several waste-of-time relationships in your time, so you know the signs. Be cautious to make sure you don't jump into another one.

Money: There is nothing that has more of an uplifting effect than a good shopping spree. When you're down in the dumps, go buy something to make you feel better.

Health: High cholesterol is a major concern for most people. Take this

4 Knight of Swords — BRAVERY

Love: Say yes. You always seem to go right to an automatic "no," and that causes you to miss out of a lot of fun in life. Say yes.

Money: Invest in something with a little more of a risk factor than just a savings account. A bigger return means more in your pocket later!

Health: If you regularly go to the gym, push a little harder this week. If you don't work out, seri-

5 3 of Coins — PROSPERITY

Love: Friends are your strongest support system right now. Just make sure you are with them when they need it as well.

Money: You have a natural love of power and money. Don't get too greedy, though, because no one likes a miserly grouch. Share the wealth and donate some to a good cause that needs it.

Health: Watch what you eat and keep good nutritional habits. Your

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPECIAL

BREEZE THROUGH SCHOOL WITHOUT CRACKING A BOOK

Just like President Bush

By TRICIA BETTIS

YOUNG Dubya figured out early that homework, reading and paying attention in class was for suckers.

YOU CAN breeze through college without cracking a book just like President George Bush did with tips from an old friend who helped him do it.

"Dubya was a party animal who never studied," says Fred Canter, a former classmate.

"He figured out early on that homework, reading and paying attention in class was for suckers.

"He also figured out that if he expected to have any kind of future at all, he had to make passing grades.

"So he developed a strategy to beat the system, and as we can see today, it worked."

Here, from Canter's new book, *What? Me Study? The Education of George W. Bush*, are four no-sweat strategies that came to be known at Yale, the President's alma mater, as "The George Bush System."

Be forewarned: If you use the President's tips to breeze through college, it could come back to haunt you when you try to get a job, unless, of course, you were born into a political dynasty, in which case, like Dubya himself, you don't have anything to worry about.

NO-STUDY TIP 1. Surround yourself with a "cabinet" of smart students who do your studying, thinking and homework for you.

"A lot of extremely intelligent people have serious self-esteem issues and they'll do anything to be part of a group," says Canter.

NO-STUDY TIP 2. Answer questions that stump you with any old thing that pops into your head. Just be sure to ramble on long enough so that your professor forgets what it was he was asking you about or the bell rings to end class.

NO-STUDY TIP 3. Never, ever acknowledge making an error — even when it's in your own handwriting on a test paper or some idiot classmate gets you on tape.

Says Canter: "Just deny that it's your paper until the professor gives up and lets you take the test over at home where a smart friend can ace it for you."

NO-STUDY TIP 4. If backed into a corner, appeal to a higher power or even go through a full-blown born-again conversion to evangelical Christianity.

"While it's true that praying won't always get you a passing grade in a course you neglected, miracles DO happen," Canter says.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Those who know the commander-in-chief insist that he isn't as stupid as he looks. "Back in his drinking days," says one, "he actually had a silver-tongue and could say 'nuclear' instead of 'nuvular.'"

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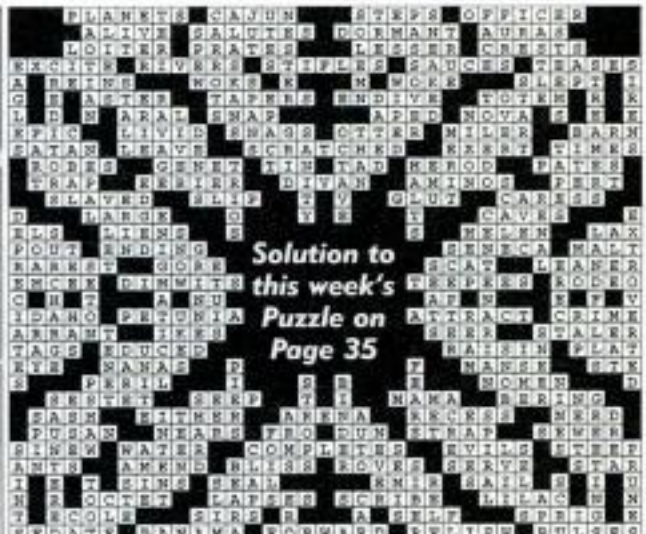

MY DOG ATE MY HOMEWORK — AND NOW HE'S A GENIUS!

By KATE VASQUEZ

ASTOUNDED animal experts say a 5-year-old Great Dane has turned into a certifiable genius since chewing and swallowing his master's academic research paper.

"Sparky doesn't just fetch the morning newspaper anymore – he opens it up and reads it," says Bryson Deever, 37, who's working on a Ph.D. in linguistics.

Deever says his pet's intelligence started zooming off the charts the morning after he discovered the dog had destroyed Deever's doctoral dissertation. "I found bits and scraps of it on the floor one morning – but it looked like he'd actually eaten most of it," Deever recalls. "Next thing I knew, he turned the TV to C-Span and settled in on the couch to watch a Congressional hearing on tax shelters.

"I tried to change the channel and he actually growled at me."

Veterinary neurologists say Sparky's sudden smarts could be the result of his literally digesting his master's research. "Evidently the contents of the research paper were absorbed into the dog's bloodstream and then into his brain," says one of several scientists who have subjected the clever canine to a battery of tests.

Says Deever: "At least Sparky can't pull that innocent stuff anymore when he has a so-called 'accident' on the carpet. I know just what he's up to – and now he knows I know."

WHAT A

Funeral homes pimp out their hearses

By AIDEN LOUIS

FUNERAL home directors across the country are pimping out their hearses to cheer up grieving families.

"A long black hearse is a real downer," explains Edward Robbins who owns Plots Are Us in Cuthbert, Okla.

"They look depressing and dull, and it doesn't help that there's a rotting corpse lying around in the back. It creeps the customers out. So all of us directors got together in an internet chat room and decided we're going to make our vehicles hip. The change will

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put a smile on people's faces. I've already gone ahead and pimped out my coffin riders. I'm so sick of dealing with one Gloomy Gus after another that I couldn't wait."

The pimped-out hearses will contain mood-enhancing features to aid passengers and mourners following in their own cars.

● SNAPPY COLORS. "No more straight black," says Robbins. "Now the cars will be painted happy, eye-pleasing tints like orange, yellow, purple or red. We're also considering patterns like zebra stripes or even a nice tie-dye effect."

● SHINY HUB CAPS. "A really sharp chrome spinner is could be a conversation starter when the talk lags or gets awkward."

● FIRE-BLASTING EXHAUST PIPES. "Nothing can take your mind off your grief like a good blast of flame shooting out from behind the hearse," says Robbins. "I can also play games with this feature, like pressing the button when someone old or slow walks behind the hearse. The look on their face is comical and they jump real high."

● POLES FOR DANCERS. For families who are getting a little too dramatic with their sobbing and self-few numbers around the poles, which come equipped with multi-colored strobe lighting. "I get a man and a woman stripper," he says. "That way, mourners of both genders can enjoy the performances.

"There's nothing like a good, old-fashioned lap dance to cheer you up after the sudden death of a loved one."

● MINK SEATS. Customer comfort is the goal of every good funeral director, says Robbins.

● A REALLY GOOD SOUND SYSTEM. "A booming stereo that knocks your brain around inside your head so hard you can't hear yourself think is a great way to kick the blues," says Robbins. "If the tunes are loud I don't have to talk to Mr. or Mrs. Drearypants and say all the usual crap like, 'Your father is in heaven now. Your husband is with God now.' It's such a charade — we all know I'm just spouting nonsense. I encourage passengers to seat dance. Some do. I find most folks really go for the sound track to Saturday Night Fever.

Nobody but nobody can resist the Bee Gees."

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Because of the high amount of preservatives in today's processed foods, bodies take years to start deteriorating. "If you dug up your grandma after a decade, she'd look just like you remembered her," says a forensic specialist.

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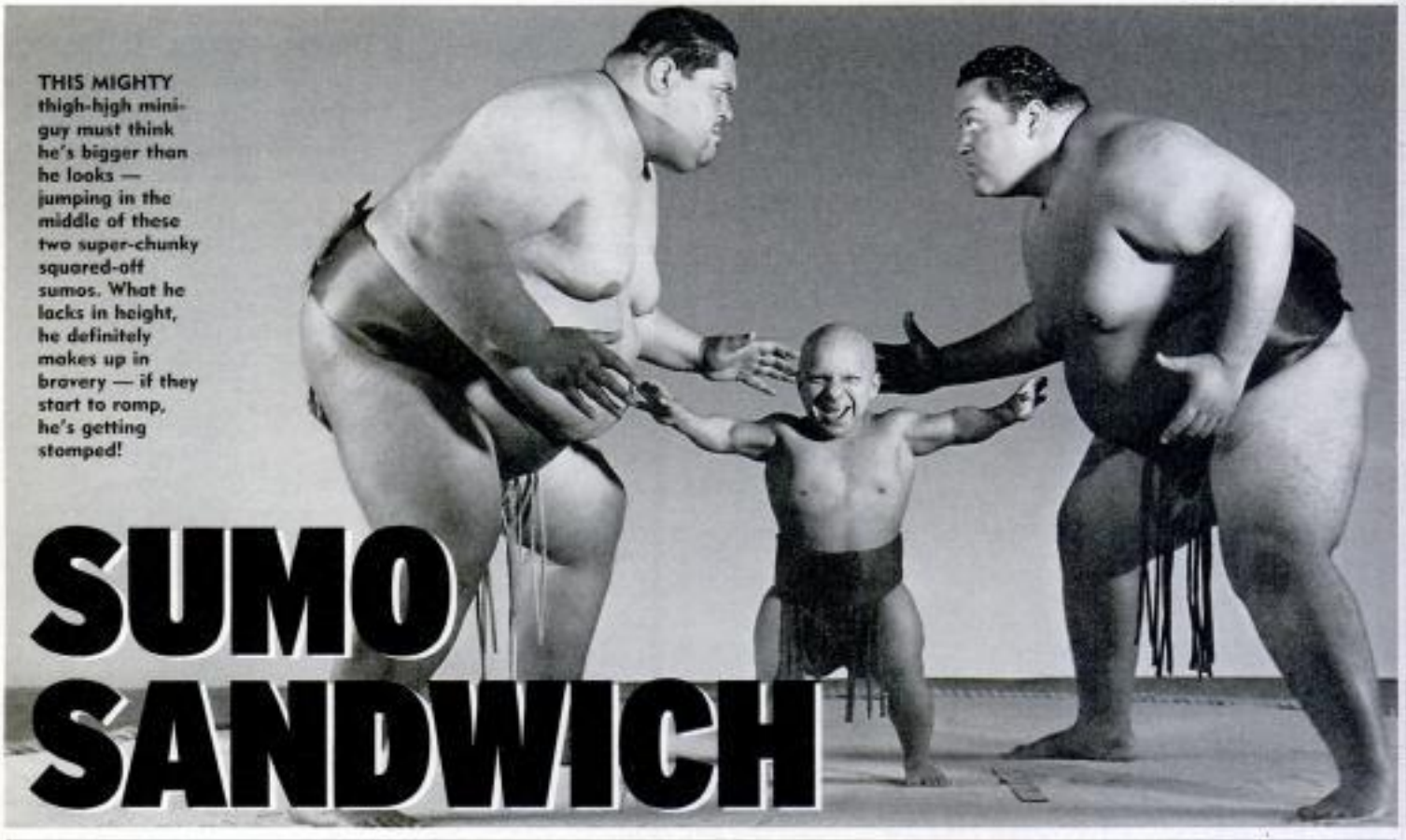

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BY SONYA SABAK
Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous
October 4 - October 10

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Sonya Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

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CANCER	5, 15, 19, 22, 29, 38
LEO	1, 6, 17, 21, 23, 33
VIRGO	18, 27, 31, 35, 42, 47
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CAPRICORN	15, 18, 19, 32, 33, 37
AQUARIUS	14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 38
PISCES	3, 8, 16, 20, 25, 36

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

A difficult week lies ahead when a nasty person keeps your life in constant turmoil. Maintain your positive attitude and things will soon return to normal.

You'll feel a sense of gratitude when a loyal friend comes through for you.

Late in the week, keep your ears open — a friend will need your advice on a financial matter.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

This week you'll find yourself in the winner's circle, receiving praises that send your spirits soaring.

A minor crisis could create major money problems if you don't curb your impulsiveness. A loved one will be there for support and comfort.

An old friend will offer a moneymaking opportunity. Listen carefully; it could pay off!

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Happiness is in the air, along with plans for a wonderful party at the end of the week.

Pull out all the stops, and use your flair for the dramatic to make the occasion the social event of the season. You won't be sorry you did.

Be warned against someone who may offer you friendship in order to use your position to further their own cause.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Uncertainty with an acquaintance distresses you this week. But you'll be relieved when all the rumors going around are proven false.

Don't keep turning down those social invites. An intriguing new friendship awaits you.

A phone call to a long-lost friend late in the week will lead to travel, so get your bags ready for a mid-summer getaway.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

Be prepared for unique opportunities to come knocking on your door this week. A phone call reveals that a relative or friend from the past has left you a small inheritance.

Beware of one who may try to take advantage of you.

The weekend is filled with possibilities for romance and socializing. Throw a party, as conditions favor entertaining.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

This is a week when lucrative deals can be made. Ask friends for advice, but don't ponder your decision for too long.

If single, take some time off from dating this weekend. Go out with a friend.

If spoken for, you and your mate should put your social life on hold over the weekend and take care of necessary home chores that you've been putting off.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Your luck runs high this week so invest, play the lottery or bingo or become involved in a moneymaking scheme of some kind.

Be assertive when someone fouls up, tries to pass the buck and includes you in the resulting calamity.

The weekend is full of surprises. Love is in the air as the opposite sex finds you irresistible.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Be prepared for the opportunity to turn your creative gifts into a source of additional income this week. Now is the time to strike.

If you keep your eyes open, you will find lost money. Just be sure to use the windfall wisely.

Take time out of your busy schedule this weekend to relax with family or friends.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

A minor medical problem needs attention before it gets worse — and dangerous.

You may have to cool it for a while with a downhearted friend who would like to rain on your parade. Be kind and comforting, but don't let their negative thinking hold you back.

Money is in the stars for you this week!

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

If you're spoken for, this week your loved one's romantic feelings will intensify. It's time to return those feelings.

If you're single, prospects couldn't be better. Keep those positive vibes going. A new romance is on the horizon.

Watch for good news in the mail and accept weekend invitations. A surprise get-together will introduce you to new friends.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

An older friend or relative has good news for you that will change your life.

This is an excellent week to enter a sweepstakes — chances are, the payoff will be BIG!

You'll overcome a minor disagreement with a close family member, but flaring tempers after an argument with yet another loved one may ruin a happy occasion.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

The moon of love is shining brightly on your home this week. If you have been on the outs with a partner, now may be the perfect time to rekindle the sparks.

If you're single, your datebook will be crammed with weekend invites, and you'll finally be able to put those new additions to your wardrobe to good use.

This is a good time for taking chances.

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POLITICIAN PROMISES NEVER TO TELL TRUTH

By JAKE ANDERSON

JIMMY Carter ran for President saying, "I will never lie to you." Now a Nebraska politician is running for city council telling voters, "I will never tell you the truth."

"Times change," says Perry Kater, announcing his candidacy at the local Burger King. "It's the 'Home of the Whopper' and I plan to tell plenty of those," he says, explaining why he picked that spot to throw his hat in the ring.

"Today if a politician said, 'I will never lie to you,' the first thing someone would yell would be, 'There's one right there!'

"Nobody believes a politician's promises anymore," Kater says. "But then they vote for one of them anyway, and are disappointed when he doesn't do what he said. That's why so many people don't vote and why they are disillusioned with politics.

"But by promising to lie, voters see that I respect them enough not to pull the wool over their eyes."

Kater's approach seems to be working. His campaign has gotten an amazing amount of publicity for a city council race, and oddly enough, by promising to lie to them, Kater has sky-high ratings for being "honest."

Ironically, Kater's speeches sound like those of a lot of other politicians.

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SOME LAWS ARE SO STUPID IT'S A CRIME!

By BERNIE PYLE

DID YOU KNOW that in Ohio, it's illegal to wear brown shoes on an empty stomach? Or that in Sweden it's against the law to pass gas in public and blame it on the person next to you?

Our crack team of *Weekly World News* investigators has scoured the globe to bring you some of the wackiest laws around — so you don't end up in a Portuguese prison because you peed in the ocean!

Check out these nutty laws from across the U.S.A. and around the globe!

- In Alabama, prison guards are forbidden from referring to their spouses as "the old ball 'n' chain."
- In Los Angeles, it's illegal for a waiter to tell a customer "I'm really an actor."
- In Indiana, it's against the law to dress "Barbie" in "Ken's" clothes.
- In Sedona, Ariz., it's illegal to lie about your astrological sign.
- In Texas, it's illegal to threaten somebody with an UNLOADED gun.
- In Samoa, it's a crime to forget your wife's birthday.
- In Australia, it's illegal to name any animal you plan to eat.
- In Cannes, France, it's illegal to wear a Jerry Lewis mask.
- In New Jersey, answering a traffic cop who asks "Do you know why I pulled you over?" by

saying, "If you don't know, I'm not going to tell you" is an automatic $300 fine.

- In Kentucky, it's illegal to paint your lawn red.
- In Portugal, it's against the law to pee in the ocean.
- In Connecticut, night watchmen are forbidden from drinking decaf coffee while working.
- In Vermont, it's illegal to pick your nose and stick the pickings under a table.
- In Tennessee, it's illegal to tell someone to quit smoking.
- In Oregon, donut holes must be at least an ½th inch in diameter.
- In Georgia, it's illegal to teach a child under 5 the words "penis" and "vagina."
- Unmarried women are not allowed to buy edible panties in South Carolina.
- In Italy, anyone considered "obese" is forbidden from wearing polyester.
- It's illegal to tear a phone book in half in Montana.
- Anyone caught selling a "smoothie" that has lumps is breaking the law in California.
- In Arkansas, it's illegal for a woman getting married for the second time to wear a white wedding gown.
- In Pennsylvania, it's against the law to put a dollar on a string on the ground and yank it when someone tries to pick it up.
- In New York City, it's illegal for a restaurant to call it a "corned beef sandwich" if it's made with white bread and mayonnaise.

SCIENTIST CREATES DIAMONDS FROM DOG POOP!

SUPER POOP! Just one scoop could be worth more than $8,000.

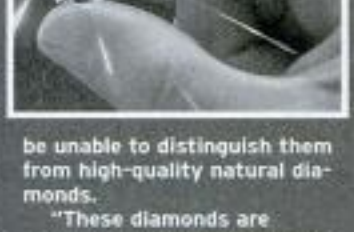
By VICKIE YORK

IT'S DOGGONE amazing! A scientist has invented a method for deriving synthetic diamonds – from dog doo!

Dr. Florence Gurnley, founder of Caninegems, Inc., says her machine can convert a few pounds of pooch poop into a diamond of perfect color and clarity.

"We can create a 2-carat diamond suitable for an engagement ring that might cost $8,000 in a jewelry store – for as little as $50," Dr. Gurnley brags.

Gemologists who've examined the man-made



be unable to distinguish them from high-quality natural diamonds.

"These diamonds are absolutely dazzling," marvels

after I handled them."

Dr. Gurnley refuses to divulge details of the technology that transforms piles of dung into jewels fit for a queen's tiara. She would only say the process is similar to a cutting-edge technique for creating industrial diamonds known as chemical vapor deposition.

"Diamond crystals are formed from carbon atoms," she explains, "and dog droppings are packed with carbon."

Caninegems, which obtains the manure from kennels for next to nothing, says the dia-

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN COLUMNIST

Dear Dotti

Blind date sent me a bill for dinner

DEAR DOTTI: Last week I went on a blind date with a really nice guy and we had a wonderful time.

First, he complimented me lavishly on my chic new micro-mini skirt and see-through blouse. Then he took me to the fancy new French restaurant in town. A little later in the evening he took me to a very trendy dance club.

After driving me back to my apartment in his red Corvette convertible, he acted like he wanted to come in for a nightcap and maybe "a little something more." But I'm a virgin and have no intention of going to bed with a man until my wedding night.

Anyway, I just got home from work and opened my mail, and lo and behold there's a bill for $172.47 for dinner, $90 for the dance club's cover charge and drink tab and $400 for what Jim calls his "valuable time." Since when do blind dates get off charging for their company? Do I have to pay this? – Stunned in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Stunned: This is what happens when find your dates in the Yellow Pages under "AAAAAAA-Male Escorts" and dress like a hooker. The bottom line? Pay the bill, prude. And the next time you go out with a guy, for God's sake – don't prance around in a see-through blouse and micro-mini unless you MEAN it!

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Dear Fed Up with Dotti in Canton, Ohio: You should have considered the potential for injury when you let your boyfriend bring an electric turkey baster into your bedroom. Next time, use the "squeeze-bulb" model or, better yet, figure out another way to get your jollies!

Dear Doing My Doody in Bakersfield, Calif.: I don't care how many Purple Hearts you got in Iraq – any man who does his business in adult diapers "for fun" is SICK.

Do I have to eat Grandma's poisonous clam chowder?

DEAR DOTTI: I hate going to see my grandma because I have to eat her crappy food. She's real old and everything she makes is only half cooked and a lot of the time she forgets some of the ingredients, like when her pie crust gets real hard like cement and you have to chew her biscuits like bubble gum.

But the worst thing of all is her clam chowder – Dotti, it stinks. Not just a normal stink. It stinks like the clams have been in the trunk of her car for weeks. I don't want to eat Grandma's clam chowder – but Mom and Dad say "somebody" has to do it, and because I'm the punk kid, I'm elected. Help me, Dotti. Please! I'm 12. – Fed Up in Kennesaw, Ga.

Dear Fed Up: Stop your whining and call the police. Making a kid eat rotten clam chowder and bad pie is child abuse.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH FEEDING BIRDS EX-LAX?

DEAR DOTTI: I think it's funny to put birdseed and laxative tablets on a tray in my yard and then watch the birds eat it all up and fly over my big-shot neighbor's house and do their business on his new Lexus and in his swimming pool. But my wife says the birds don't need laxatives and there are better ways to punish a neighbor. Where do you stand on this issue? – Prankster in Macon, Mo.

Dear Prankster: It would seem to me that you living next door is punishment enough for anybody. But if you insist on causing trouble, forget the birds and take those laxatives yourself – then sneak over to your neighbor's house for a little skinny dippin'.

SHE SAYS...

"I know a lot of guys go on the computer [to find photographs of me] at night and do their thing, but I don't know . . . it's flattering and sweet. Maybe it makes up for all the time that nobody cared about me but my parents." – Actress Shannon Elizabeth.

VITAL STATISTICS – Born: Sept. 7, 1976 in Houston, Texas.

PATRIOTIC COED:

I WANT TO BE THE NEXT LYNNDIE ENGLAND

By MIKE FOSTER

BUBBLY blonde superpatriot Kimberly Mastenrod is joining the U.S. military and volunteering for duty in Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib prison — because she wants to be the next Lynndie England!

Many Americans view Pfc. Lynndie, the pixieish female soldier photographed walking a nude Iraqi prisoner on a leash and poking fun at another's private parts, as a disgrace to the uniform. But millions more, like Kimberly, see her as a hero who went beyond the call of duty to defend America.

ABU GHRAIB prison guard Lynndie England.

"Those anti-American terrorists haven't seen humiliation yet," vows Kimberly, a 21-year-old Miami college student. "What Lynndie did was a cool start — but wait until I get my hands on them.

"They'll be so embarrassed, they'll never show their faces in public, let alone strap bombs to themselves and blow people up."

Here's a sample of what no-nonsense Kimberly has in store for Iraqi prisoners:

- Force them to prance around in women's lingerie. "I've got a bunch of my sorority sisters to chip in and I'm bringing a lot of my own stuff too," she reveals.
- Make them gobble live cockroaches and maggots, *Fear Factor*-style.
- Subject them to "chocolate swirlies." This was a punishment bullies at Kimberly's high school used to inflict on helpless nerds. "Your head gets shoved in a toilet — after someone's done No. 2 in it," she explains.
- Make them dance in a Conga line — nude. "There's an updated version we call The Train where everyone grinds groin-to-
- Order them to kiss her backside. "I'd make them toss my salad, but that might violate the Geneva Confection or whatever, which I totally agree with," the blonde beauty says.

Everything will be caught on videotape and mailed to the men's families.

"Those guys won't dare to set foot in their hometowns after I'm done with them," Kimberly says.

The spunky coed agrees with many conservative commentators, including famed Rush Limbaugh, who say the so-called "abuse" at Abu Ghraib was no worse than a sorority initiation rite. And Kimberly admits she got many of her ideas from her own college experience.

The Pentagon has not voiced approval for Kimberly's scheme and will not even confirm that her application to join up has been received. But privately, one high-ranking Defense Department official applauded the recruit's initiative and enthusiasm.

"This girl must be majoring in psychology," he declares. "She really understands the psyche of the young Arab male and what it takes to crush their egos."

GUTSY coed Kimberly Mastenrod has volunteered to serve her

ARE YOU KIDDING?

By an overwhelming majority, 68 percent of college-age Americans favor a return to the draft if it's necessary to win the war on terror. And 69 percent agree that bringing back college deferments for those who wish to postpone military service

15 PEOPLE DIE OF BOREDOM WATCHING J.LO'S DVD

By JAKE ANDERSON

THE EXORCIST might be scarier, but *Gigli* is deadlier. So far 15 people have reportedly died of boredom watching it!

"People rent this movie knowing it's going to be terrible," says renowned movie reviewer Cary Bijou. "But they think it'll be 'funny bad,' like a goof. They're wrong. Dead wrong."

Penelope Jackson's brother, Oscar, died while watching the movie. "Within 10 minutes of putting in the DVD, Oscar was wailing, 'Oh my God, I'm so-ooooo bored.' I pleaded with him to let me shut it off, but he refused. 'It's GOT to get better,' he kept saying."

But the film – in which Jennifer Lopez plays a lesbian gunslinger and Ben Affleck plays a kidnapper – only gets worse.

"I've never seen anything like it," Bijou says. "The viewer's brain activity comes to a complete, mind-deadening halt while watching this film.

"People didn't die in the movie theaters because there were other things going on, like the audience throwing things at the screen. But privately, people don't do that."

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For Baby Boomers ONLY!

What NOT to say when you're trying to hide your age!

By DEKE NICKS

AS BABY boomers spend more and more of their retirement savings on Botox injections and face lifts to stay forever young, it's becoming increasingly important that they not give away their true age by yammering about things only old folks would know about.

And with tips from author Jennifer Tweed, men and women in their 40s and 50s won't make the mistakes that will brand them as blue-hairs before their time.

"A good example is a fifty-something reminiscing about Allen Funt and *Candid Camera* from the 1960s instead of talking about today's much hipper and edgier 'gotcha' show, *Punk'd* — with its hunky Generation Next host, Ashton Kutcher," says Tweed, of Los Angeles.

"But if you have the desire, and the resolve, then you can avoid the traps.

"That, along with a face-lift and perhaps a little liposuction to fight middle-age spread, and you can claim to be much younger than you actually are with nobody being any the wiser.

Here are some do's and don'ts you should follow if you're trying to hide your age. Tweed says you can identify any other faux pas that need fixing if you record yourself in conversation, make a note of all the outdated points of reference you commonly use, and then go to work updating them.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Baby boomers spent almost as much on wrinkle creams last year as they did on hemorrhoid medications — $9.1 billion compared to $9.3 billion, the National Institutes of Health report.

1. Don't mention having seen The Beatles or Elvis Presley on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, which proves you were alive in the 1950s and '60s.

ED SULLIVAN: Don't admit you ever watched his show.

Do mention the 1994 death of grunge king Kurt Cobain in hushed tones, suggesting that you're young enough to give a damn.

2. Don't say you remember where you were and what you were doing when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

Do say, "JFK who?" if somebody brings it up, or at least brush it off with a disinterested comment like, "I remember hearing something about that in a history class."

3. Don't reminisce about the first time you saw color TV.

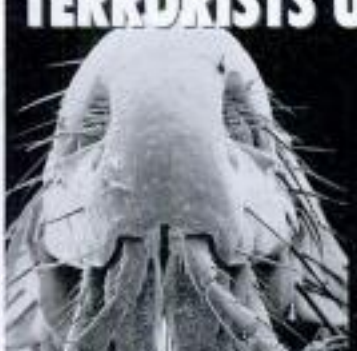
Do say things like, "I wonder why all those old movies on cable are in black and white?"

4. Don't tell anyone that "Hoss" was your favorite member of the Cartwright clan on the smash 1960s TV western, *Bonanza*, or ask, "Whatever happened to Hop Sing?" — the Cartwrights' Chinese cook.

Do say, "Those old reruns of *The Brady Bunch* on DVD are so cheesy — can you believe our parents used to watch that stuff?"

5. Don't say *Captain Kangaroo* and *Howdy Doody* were the best children's TV shows ever. Do say you learned a lot from *Sesame Street* — and would have watched *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* if your homophobic father would have let you.

TERRORISTS USE FLEAS TO THWART BOMB SNIFFING DOGS



SNEAKY terrorists are infecting trained police dogs with Al Qaeda fleas so the canines will be distracted from their duties, allowing villains to smuggle new horrors into America, says a U.S. Customs Agency insider.

"The dogs are so intelligent and are put through such rigorous training that they're able to sniff out biological weapons, drugs, guns and bombs even if they're so carefully hidden X-ray machines can't they can sense a threatening substance or object even through steel or lead-plated containers.

"Of course, the terrorists know this because many of their filthy plots have already been foiled," adds the insider.

The devilish scheme was simple: Visit key American airports and drop tiny insects into one pooch's fur – then let nature take its course.

"The fleas jumped from dog to "The poor pups were miserable, scratching and rolling around, trying to relieve their agony. They could barely stand up straight, much less pay attention to their duties."

Customs employees scrambled to apply powders and sprays and to bathe the dogs to stop their suffering.

"In the time it took to remedy the situation," says the insider, "who knows what kinds

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